ANNO XXVI. HENRICI VIII.

Actes made in the seſſion of this preſente Parliamente holden vppon prorogacion at weſtminſter, the thyrde daye of Nouember in the XXVI. yeare of the reigne of our moſte dread ſouereigne lord king Henry the viij. and there continued and kepte till the xviij. day of December nert enſuing. To the honour of God, and for the common weale and profite of this Realme.

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ALbeit the kinges maiesty iustlye and rightfully is and ought to bee the supreme head of the church of Englād, and so is recognised by ỹ clergie of this realme in theyr Conuocations, yet neuertheless for corroboration and cōfyrmacion thereof, & for encrease of vertue in Christs religion wiñ this realme of Englande, & to represse and extirpe al errours, heresyes, & other enormityes and abuses heretofore vsed in the same: Bee it enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that the king our soueraigne lorde, his heyres and successours, kinges of this realme, shalbe taken accepted and reputed the one supreme head in erth of ỹ church of England, called Anglicana ecclesia. And shal haue and enioye annered and vnited to the imperiall crowne of this realme, as well the title & stile thereof, as al honours, dignities, preeminēces, iurisdictions, priuileges, auctorities, immunities, profites, & commodityes to the sayd dignity of supreme head of the same church belōging & apperteyning. And that our said soueraigne lord his heyres and successours kings of this realme, shal haue full power and auctority from time to time, to visite, represse, redresse, reforme, order, correct, restrayne & amende all suche errours heresyes, abuses, offences, contemptes, and enormityes, what soeuer they be, which by any maner spyritual auctority or iurisdiction ought or maye lawfully bee reformed, represſed, ordered redressed, corrected, restrayned, or amended, moste to the pleasure of almighty God, the encrease of vertue in Christes religion, & for the conseruation of the peace, vnity & tranquility of this realme, any vsage, custome, forreine lawes, forein auctority, prescriptiō or any thing or thinges, to the contrary hereof notwythstanding.

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WHere at the last session of this present parliament, in the act than made for the establishmente of the Succession of the heyres of the kings highnes in the imperial crowne of this realme, it is contayned amonges other thinges, that all & singuler the kinges subiectes, as well the nobles spyrituall and temporall, as other, shoulde make and take a corporall othe, whansoeuer it should please the kinges maiesty, or hys heyres, to appoynt, that they should truly, fyrmely, and constantly, wythoute fraude or

gyle, obserue, fulfill, maynteine, defende and keepe to theyr cunninge wit & vttermost of theyr powers, the whole effectes & contentes of the sayd act, as in the same act amonges other thinges more plainly appeareth. And at the day of the last prorogacion of this present parliamente, aswel ỳ nobles spyrituall & temporall, as other the cõmons of this present parliamẽt tha assembled in ỳ high house of the parliament, most louingly accepted & toke such othe as then was deuised in wryting for maintenance and defence of the sayd act, & mente & intended at ỳ time, that euery other the kinges subiectes should be bound to accept and take the same, vpon the peynes conteyned in the sayd acte. The tenour of which othe hereafter ensueth.

Ye shall swere to beare fayth, truth, & obedience all onely to the kinges maiesty, and to his heyres of his body of his moste dere and entierly beloued lawfull wyfe Queene Anne begottẽ & to be begotten. And further to the heyres of our sayd soueraigne lorde, accordinge to the limitacion in the statute made for surety of hys succession in the crowne of this realme mẽcioned and conteyned, & not to any other within this realme, nor forrine auctority or potẽtate. And in case any oth be made or hath bẽ made by you to any person or persons, that then ye to repute the same as vaine & adnichilate. And that to your cunning, wit, & vttermoste of your power, without gile, fraud, or other vndew meane, ye shall obserue, keepe, maintrine, & defende the said act of succession, & al the whole effectes & contents therof, and all other actes and statutes made in confirmacion, or for execution of the same, or of any thing therin conteyned. And this ye shall do against all maner of persõs, of what estate, dignity degree or condiciõ so euer they be. And in no wyse do or attempte, nor to your power suffer to be done or attẽpted dyrectly or indirectlye any thinge or thinges priuely or apertlye, to ỳ let, hinderaunce, damage, or derogation therof, or of any part of the same, by any maner of meanes, or for any maner of pretence, so helpe you God & all sainctes, and the holy Euangelistes,

And for asmuch as it is conueniente for the sure mayntenaunce and defence of the same act, that the sayd oth should not only be auctorised by auctority of parliament, but also be interpret & expounded by ỳ whole assent of this present parliament, that it was mente and entended by the kinges maiesty, the lordes & commons of the parliamẽt, at the sayd day of the said last prorogacion, that euery subiect should be bounden to take ỳ same othe accordìng to the tenour and effect thereof, vpon the paynes and penalties conteyned in the sayd acte: Therfore be it enacted by auctority of this present parliament, ỳ the sayd oth aboue rehersed, shalbe interprete expounded reputed, accepted, and adiudged the verye othe, that the kinges highnes, ỳ lords spyritual & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament mẽt and intended ỳ euery subiect of this realme should be obliged, and bounde to take and accept for mayntenaunce and defence of the same act, vpon the paynes contayned in the sayd acte. And that euery of the kinges subiects, vpon the sayd paynes shalbe obliged to accept and take the sayd othe.

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¶ And be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that the cõmissioners that hereafter shalbe appointed to receiue such othe of the kynges subiectes, or two of thẽ at the least, shall haue power and auctority to certify into the kinges bench by writting, vnder theyr seales, euery refusell that hereafter shalbe made afore them of the same othe by any person or persons cõminge afore them to take the same othe. And that euery such certificate to be made by such commissioners, as is aforesayde, shall be taken as stronge and as auailable in the lawe, as an inditemẽt of .xii. men lawfully founden of the sayde refusell. So that the person and persons, agaynst whom anye such certificate shalbe made, shalbe compelled to aunswere therunto, as yf they were indited. And that such processe, iudgement, execution & euery other thing shalbe had, vsed & ministred of and vpon euerye such certificate agaynst the offendours, as if they had bene lawfully indited of such offences by the due course and order of the common lawes of this realme.

¶ An act concerning the payment of first fruites of all dignities, benefices and promocions spirituall, and also concerning one annuall pẽcion of the .x. part of all the possessions of the church spirituall & temporall, graũted to the kinges highnes & his heires. Cap. iii.

FOr as muche as it is and of very duty ought to be the naturall inclination of all good people, lyke most faythfull, louinge, and obedient subiectes, sincerely and willingely to desyre to prouide, not only for the publyke wealth of their natiue countrey, but also for the supportacion, maintenaunce and defence of the royall estate of theyr moste dread benigne and gratious soueraigne lorde, vppon whom and in whom dependeth all their ioye and wealth: in whom also is vnited and knitte so princely a harte and courage, mixed with mercy wisedome and iustice. And also a naturall affection ioyned to the same, as by the great inestimable & benevolent argumentes therof beyng most bountifully, largely and many times shewed, ministred, & approued towardes his louing & obedient subiectes, hath well appered: which requireth a lyke correspondence of gratytude to be considered, accordynge to theyr moste bounden duties. wherefore his sayde humble and obedient subiectes, as well the lordes spirituall and temporall, as the commons in this present parliament assembled, callyng to their remembraunce, not onely the manyfold and innumerable benefites, dayly administred by his highnesse of theym all, and to the residue to all other his subiectes of this realme: But also how longe time his maiestye hath moste victoriously, by his hyghe wysdome and policye, protected, defended, and gouerned thys hys realme, and mainteyned his people and subiectes of the same in tranquilitye, peace, vnitye, quietnes & wealth. And also considerynge what greate excessiue and inestimable charges hys hyghnes hath heretofore beene at and susteyned by the space of fyue and twenty whole yeres, and also dayly susteyneth for the mayntenaunce tui-

cion and defence of this his realme, and his louinge subiectes of the same, which cannot be susteyned and borne without some honourable provision and remedy may be made founde, prouided and ordeined for maintenaunce therof: Do therfore desire and most humbly pray, that for the more suretye of continuance and augmentacion of his highnes royall estate, beyng not onely nowe recognised (as he alwayes in deede heretofore hath bene) the onely supreme head in earth next and immediately vnder god of the church of England, but also the most assured and vndoubted naturall souereygne liege lorde and kynge, hauing the whole gouernaunce, tuicion, defence and maintenaunce of this his realme and most louinge obedient subiectes of the same. It may therfore be ordeyned and enacted by his highnes, and the lordes spirituall and temporall and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, & by auctority of the same, in maner and fourm folowing,

That is to say, that the kynges highnes, his heyres and successours kynges of this realme, shall haue and enioye from time to time to endure for euer, of euerye such person and persons, which at any tyme after the fyrst day of Januarye nert comminge shall be nominated, elected, preferred presented, collated or by any other meanes appointed to haue any Archebishoprighe, Bishoprighe, Abbacye, Monasterye, Prioryе, Colledge, Hospitall, Archedeaconry, Deanry, Prouostship, prebende, Parsonage, vicarage, Chauntry, Freechapell, or other dignity, benefice, office or promotion spirituall within this realme, or els where within any of the kinges dominions of what name nature or qualitye soeuer they be, or to whose foundacion patronage or giftes soeuer they belong, the fyrste fruicts, reuenewes and profites for one yere of euery such Archbishoprich, Bishoprich, Abbacy, Monastery, Priory, colledg, Hospital, Archdeaconry, Deanry, prouestship, Prebende, personage, Vicarage, Chauntry; Freechapell, or other dignity, benefice, Office or promotion spirituall afore named, wherunto any such person or persons shall after the sayd fyrst day of January be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated or by any other meanes appointed. And that euery such person and persons, before any actuall or reall possession, or medling with the profites of any such Archbishoprich, Bishoprich, Abbacy, Monastery, Colledge, Hospitall, Deanry, Prouostship, Prebende, Personage, vicarage, chauntry, Freechaple, Priory or other dignity, Benefice, Office, or promocion spirituall, shall satisfye, content and pay, or compounde or agree to pay to the kinges vse at reasonable dayes, vpon good suretyes, the sayde fyrst fruictes and profites for one yeare.

And be it also enacted by auctority afore sayde, that the Chauncellour of England and maister of the Rolles for the tyme beynge, ioyntly and seuerally, or such other person and persons, as shall please the kynges highnes hys heyres or successours from tyme to tyme, at hys or theyr pleasure, to name and depute by commission or commissions vnder the greate seale, shall haue power and auctorite as well to examine and searche for the iuste and true value of the sayd fyrst fruicts and profytes by all wayes and meanes

meanes that they can, as to compounde and agree for the rate of the sayde first fruictes and profites. as to stall and limite reasonable dayes of payment therof vpon good and sufficient surety or sureties, by writinges obligatory by theyr discretions. And if composicō or agremēt ben had or made for the sayd first fruicts before the sayd lord Chauncellour or maister of the Rolles, that then the writinges obligatorye or money taken for the same, shall rest remaine and abide in the hanaper of the kinges chauncerye, there saufely to be kepte to the kynges vse, and the money to be due of such writinges obligatorye, or to be receiued in hande by reason of anye such composicion, shall be payed in the sayde hanaper, to the clerke of the hanaper for the time beinge. And that the sayd clerke of the hanaper shal make a trewe and a iust accompt therof like as he is bounde to do of the money receiued of the profites of the kinges great seale. And if composicion or agreemente be had or made for the sayde first fruicts, afore any other person or persons to be deputed by the kinges highnes, his heires or successours by commyssion vnder his greate seale, that then the writinges obligatorye and money taken for the same, shall be delyuered to the treasourer of the kinges most honourable chaumber for the time beynge, or elles where, to whom it shal please the kinges highnes his heires or successours, to giue auctority by cōmission vnder the great seale, to receiue the same.

And it is also ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesayde, that euery writinge of acquitaunce subscribed with the hand and name of the clerke of the hanaper, a treasourer of the chamber or other cōmissioners aforesayd or any of them, witnessinge the receipte of the sayde fyrste fruictes or anye parte therof, shalbe as good and effectuall against the kinges hyghnes, hys heyres and successours, to euery person and persons, hauinge the same for so much money as shall be mencioned to be receiued and conteyned in euery such acquitaunce, as if such acquitaunce were or had bene lawefully had and obteyned in the kynges name vnder the kynges greate seale, and so shalbe admitted, accepted and allowed and taken in euerye of the kynges courtes. And that all writinges oblygatory to be taken for payment of the sayde fyrst fruicts by and afore the sayd lord Chauncellour, or maister of the Rolles, or by and afore any other person or persons to bee deputed to compounde and agree for the sayde fyrst fruicts, as is aforesayde, shall be of the same strength, force, vertue, qualitie and effect to all intentes and purposes as writinges obligatorye heretofore made by any lay person by auctoritye of the statute of the Staple bene. And that vpon certificate hereafter to be made into the kinges chauncerye of any such writinges obligatorye to be taken for paymente of such fyrste fruictes, lyke processe and execution shall be therupon made and had against any person spirituall or temporall, as hath bene accustomed to be made against any lay person vpon certificat of writinges oblygatory of the sayd statute of the Staple. And that no persō shalbe compelled to pay for any writing obligatory to be made for the sayd paymente of the sayde fyrst fruictes aboue. viii.d. nor for any acquitaunce

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to be made for receipte of such first fruictes aboue.iiii.d. And that such person and persons as shalbe deputed by the kynges highnes by commyssion vnder the great seale, to compounde and agree for the sayde first fruictes, shall at the end of euery.vi.monethes next after the date of their commissiõ and so from.vi.monethes to.vi.monethes, delyuer or cause to be deliuered vnto the treasourer of the chamber, for the time being, or els where, to such commissioners as shalbe appointed as is aforesayd, to receiue the same, as well all such money as all suche specialtyes and bondes, as they shall haue taken for the payment of the said fyrst fruites by indenture to be made betwene them and the sayd treasourer, or other commissioners, as is aforesaide, contayning the certainty and nomber of the summes of money and specialtyes and bondes by them taken and receiued. And if any person or personnes, to whom any deputacion shalbe made by commission, to compounde and agree for the payment of the said first fruites, their heires, executours, or administratours, concele or imbecill any of the saide specialties or bondes, taken for the sure paimente of the saide first fruites, and do not deliuer them according to the tenour of this acte, that then euery such offendour, shall forfaite that office of deputacion, and ouer that make fine and raunsome at the kinges owne pleasure and will.

And it was also enacted by auctority aforesaid, ỹ if any person or persõs which at any time after the sayd first day of January, shal be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to any of the dignities, offices, benefices, or other promocions spyrituall before mencioned, doe enter into the actuall and reall possessions thereof, or meddle wyth the profites thereof, before they shall haue truly satisfyed and paide to the kinges vse the first fruites and profites therof for one yere, or els shall haue agreed or compoũded for paiment of the same at reasonable daies vppon good sureties, in maner and fourme as by this acte is aboue especified, that than euery such person and personnes, so doing and offendinge, and being therof conuict by presentment, verdite, confession, or witnes before the said lord Chauncelour, or suche other as shall haue auctority by commission to compounde for the said first fruites and profites as is aforesaid, shalbe accepted and taken an entrewder vpon the kings possession. And that they theyr executours or administratours, shal pay to the vse of the kinges highnes for euery such offence, so much summes of money, as shall amount to the double value of the saide first fruites and profites of such dignities benefices or other spiritual promocions wherin they shal so entre and entrewde before the paiment of the said first fruites and profites for one yere therof, or before due agreement made for the same, in maner and fourme as is aboue rehersed.

And bee it further enacted by auctority aforesaide, that the first fruites of benefices heretofore accustomed to bee paide to the bishop of Norwiche within the dioces, and to the archdeacon of Richmonde within his archedeanry, or to any other person or persons within this realme, or any other

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the kynges dominions, shal from the sayd first day of January ceasse & be extinct, and no lenger be payde, but onely to the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours, in such fourme, as is aboue mencioned in this acte.

Prouided alwayes, that archbishoppes and bishoppes, and all other hauing iurisdiction ordinary, may geue and deliuer letters of institution and induction, as they might do before the makyng of this acte wythoute any offence of any article conteyned in this acte: any thing in this acte contayned to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Prouided also, that where there be diuers celles appertayning to monasteryes & priories, & that the priours of such celles be named and remouable from time to time, at the only willes & pleasures of theyr maisters & soueraynes of the monasteryes and priories, wherunto such celles belong, ỹ the priours of such celles, shal not be compelled to pay any fyrst fruites, by vertue or auctority of this acte, any thing in this act contained to the contrary therof not wythstãding: but that the fyrst fruites & profites of euery such cel shalbe payd to the kinges highnes, his heyres and successours whãsoeuer & as often as any person shalbe nominated, elected, prefected, or collated to the monastery or priory, wherunto such celles belongen.

And ouer this be it enacted by auctority aforesayd, that the kinges maiesty, his heyres and successours kings of this realme, for more augmẽtacion and mayntenaunce of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne & dignity of supreame heade of the Church of Englande, shal yerely haue take & enioy, and receiue vnited & knit to his imperiall crowne for euer, one yerely rent or pension, amounting to the value of the tenth part of all the reuenues, rentes, fermes, tithes, offeringes, emolumentes, & all other profites, as well called spyrituall as temporall, now appertayning or belonging, or that hereafter shall belonge to anye archbishoppricke, bishopricke, abbacie, monasterie, priorie, archdeaconrie, deaconrie, hospitall, colledge, house collegiate, prebende, cathedrall Church, collegiate Church, conuentuall Church, personage, vicarage, chauntry, free chappel, or other benefice or promocion spyrituall, of what name, nature, or quality soeuer they bee, wythin any dioces of this realme or in Wales, the sayde pension or annuel rente, to bee yerely payde for euer to oure sayd soueraygne lorde, to his heyres & successours kinges of this realme, at the feaste of the natiuity of our lord God, and the fyrst paymente therof to begin at the feast of the Natiuity of oure lord God, which shalbe in the yeare of our lord God. M.D.xxv. And to be paide yerely by such as shalbe appointed to haue the collectiõ therof by this acte, in such maner and fourme as shal hereafter bee symitted by this acte, before the fyrst day of Aprill yerely next following, after the sayde feast of ỹ Natiuity of our lord.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesaide, that the saide yerely rente and pension shalbe taxed, rated, leuied, perceiued, and paide to the kinges vse, his heires and successours, in maner and fourme hereafter to be declared by this acte. That is to saye, that the Chauncellour of Englande

lande for the tyme being, shall haue power & auctority to direct into euery dioces, in this realme & in Wales, seuerall cõmissions in the kyngs name vnder hys great seale, as well to the archbishop or bishoppe of euery such dioces, as to suche other person or personnes, as the kinges hyghnes shall name and appoint, commaunding and auctorysing ỳ sayd commissioners for to be named in euery such commission, or three of them at ỳ least, to examine search and enquyre by all the wayes & meanes that they can by their discretiõs, of and for the true and iust, hole and entier yerely values of all the manours, lands, tenementes, hereditaments, rentes, tithes, offrynges, emoluments, and al other profites, as well spyritual as temporall, appertayninge or belonginge to any archbishoprycke, byshoprycke, abbacie, monastery, priory, archdeaconry, deanry, hospytall, colledge, house collegiat, prebende, cathedral church, collegiate Church, conuentuall Church, personage, vycarage, chauntry, free chappell, or to any other benefyce or promotion spyritual wythin ỳ limittes of theyr cõmission, wyth a clause to be conteyned in euery such commission, ỳ the sayd commissioners, or three of them at the least, shall deduct and allow in the makyng and ratyng of the sayde yerely values of the premisses, these deductions followyng & none other: That is to say, the rentes resolute to the chyefe lordes, and al other annuel and perpetuall rentes and charges, whych any spyrituall person or persons ben bounden yerely to pay to any person or persons to theyr heyres or successours for euer, or to gyue yerely in almes by reason of any foundacion or ordinaunce, and all fees for stewardes, receyuers, bayliffes, and auditours and synodes, and pryories, wyth another clause to be also cõteyned in euery such commission, that the sayd commissioners, or three of them at the least, shal certify vnder theyr seales at such dayes, as shalbe ymitted by the sayd commissions, al wel the whole & entiere value, as the deductions aforesaid of euerye archbishoprycke, bishoppryche, abbacie, monastery, priory, archdeconry, deanry, hospital, colledge, house collegiate, prebend, cathedrall church collegiate church, conuentuall church, personage, vicarage, chauntery, free chappel, and al other benefites and promotions spyrytual.

And it is ordayned and enacted by auctority aforesayd, that the said cõmissioners, that shalbe so appointed, or three of them at the least, shall haue full power and auctority to [illegible], accomplishe, and execute the effectes and contentes of their sayde commissions in euery behalfe: And that euery the said commissioners, before they shall execute theyr said commission, shall receiue & take a corporal othe before the lord Chaũcellour, or before such other as shalbe appointed by the sayde Chauncellour, by the kinges writ of Dedimus potestatem, that they shal diligently & truly without fauoure affection fraude couine mede drede or collusion, do fulfil and execute the whole effectes and contents expressed in euery such commission within ỳ limittes thereof, to theyr cunning wittes and vttermost of theyr powers.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesayde, that after such Certificate made by the sayd commissioners, the sayd yerely rent and pen-

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sion of the tenthe parte shalbe sette tared rated and taken iustly and truly and indifferently by the Treasourer, Chauncellour, Chamberlain and Barons of the kinges Eschequire, of and out of the cleare yearely value of the premisses, that shal be aboue the deductions afore mencioned, and none otherwyse. And that euery archbishoprieke, bishoppricke, abbacie, monasterye, priory, archdeaconry, deanry, hospytal, colledge, house collegiate, prebende, cathedral Churche, collegiate Church, conuentuall church, personage, vicarage, chauntry, free chappel, or other benefice or promocion spyrituall, shalbe seuerally and distinctly tared charged and chargeable in the proper dioces where they bene, for the payment of such porcion of the said tenth part, as shalbe tared and set vppon them by auctority of this acte. That is to say, euery of them by and for themselues, shalbe tared, charged, and chargeable in the proper dioces, where they bene, for the tenth parte of the yerely value of theyr possessions and profites to them belonging, wher soeuer theyr sayde possessions and profites shall happen to bee or lye in any parte of this realme, or els where, in any the kinges dominions, and that none of them shalbe charged or chargeable for the payment of the others charge or porcion.

And it is also enacted by auctority aforesayde, that after such certificat made into the kinges Eschequere, and tare set of the tenth parte, in forme aboue remembred, euery archbishop and bishoppe now beinge, and that hereafter shalbe charged and chargeable, to leuy, collecte, & receiue within their proper dioces, as wel in places exempte, as not exempte, all such summes of money, wherewith the dignityes, benefices, and other promocions spirituall afore mencioned within theyr dioces, chargeably by this act, shal be set tared and charged towards the payment of the layd yerely pension, and shal pay and content the sayd summes of money yerely, before the said first daye of Aprill, to the Treasurer of the kinges chamber, for the time being, or to any other person or persons, whom it shal please the kings highnes to appoint to receiue the same. And that euery of the sayd archbishops and bishops, theyr executours and administratours, and the possessions of theyr dignities and Churches, shall stande charged and chargeable for the sure and true payment of such summes of money, as they shal collecte and receiue of the sayd yerely rent and pension.

And that the Treasurer, Chauncellour, Chamberlaine and Barons of ỹ kinges eschequire, shal yerely cause proces to be made by theyr discretions for none payment of the sayd pension or yerely rent, or any parcell thereof, against euery archbishop and bishop of this realme, that is to saye, against euery archbishop and bishop, for so much part and porcion of the sayde pēsion and yerely rent, wherwith the dignityes, benefices, and other promocions spyrituall afore mencioned within the dioces, shalbe tared and charged, so that euery of the said archbishops and bishops, shalbe charged and chargeable for the rate and porcion of the sayde yerely rent and pension, set and tared within his owne peculiar dioces, and none otherwyse.

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And be it also enacted by auctority aforesaide, that euerye archbisshoppe and bisshoppe, shall haue power and auctority to leuie take and perceiue by auctority of censures of the Church, or by distres or otherwyse by their direction, all suche summes of moneye as shalbe rated tared & set to goo out of the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes profites & emoluments of any dignity, office, benefice, or other place or promocion spirituall within theyr dioces, towards the payment of the said yerely rent and pension, and that no replevin prohibicion nor Supersedeas vpon any excommunicatio, nor any other writte or impediment shalbe sued allowed or obeyed for any person or persons, making default of paiment of such parte & porcion, as they shalbe rated and tared vnto by auctority of this acte, till such time as they haue truly satisfyed theyr sayd part and porcion to them allotted of the said yerely rent and pension.

And it is also enacted by auctority aforesaide, that when so euer and as often as any of ỳ archbisshoprickes or bisshoprickes happen to be voyd, that then the deane and chapiter of the cathedrall Church, or the priour and conuente or chapiter, or conuent of the monastery or cathedrall Church, where the See of suche archbisshopricke or bisshopricke, beinge voyde, shal happen to be, duringe the tyme of the vacation thereof, and theyr executours administratours and possessions shalbe charged and chargeable to doe and cause to be done all and euery thing and thinges for the due execution of this acte, wythin the dioces of suche archbisshopricke or bisshopricke beinge voyde, as the same archbisshop or bisshop of the See beinge voyde, shoulde haue done according as it is limitted and appoynted by this act, or by any thyng therin conteyned.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by auctority aforesayd, ỳ if any summe of money being once due by any incumbent of any of the dignityes, benefices, or promocions spirituall afore especifyed, charged to ỳ payment of the sayd yerely pension and annual rent, be reasonably demaunded and required any time after the sayd feast of the Natuity of our lorde, at theyr dignityes, monasteries, priorys, hospitals, colledges, churches, chanteryes, or houses by the archbisshop, or bysshoppe, or such as shalbe charged wyth the collection of any parte of the sayd pension, or by any other theyr ministers seruauntes, or officers, to pay such porcion of the sayde pension and yerelye rent, as they shalbe tared and assessed, be not truly contented and payd vnto such archbisshop or bisshoppe, or their ministers and officers, or to such other person or persons, or their mynisters, or seruauntes, as shall haue the charge of collection therof, euery yere yearly at the tyme of such requeste & demaunde thereof, or els within forty dayes nexte after euery such requeste at the furthest, that then euery incumbente, makinge such defaulte of payment, after such default therof certifyed into the kinges eschequire in wryting vnder the seales of any archbisshop or bisshop, or of such as be limitted and charged to the collection of the sayd pension by this act, shalbe adiudged deprined Ipso facto, of all such dignities, benefices, pensions, and promo-

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cions ſpirituall, as any ſuch incumbent making ſuch default, ſhal haue at ẏ time of ſuch certificate to be made, or at any time after. So that all ſuch dignityes, benefices, penſion, and promocions ſpirituall, which any incumbent making ſuch default of payment, ſhall haue at ẏ time of any ſuch certificate to be made, or at any time after, ſhalbe clerely voyde & deſtitute of incumbente in the lawe to all intentes and purpoſes, as if ſuch incumbent making ſuch default of payment, were dead in dede.

And it is ordayned and enacted, by auctority afore ſaid, that if any archbiſhop or biſhop, or any other limitted and charged by this act, to the collection and payment of the ſayd penſion and annuel rente, do make a certificat into the kinges eſchequer, before the ſayde fyrſt daye of Apryl, or at any time wythin foure & twenty dayes next after the ſayd fyrſt day of Apryll ẏ they accordyng to this acte, haue reaſonable required and demaunded any incumbent of any dignity, benefice, or promocion ſpyrituall, chargeable by this act to pay ſuch parte and porcion of the ſayd penſion and annuel rent, as they ſhall happen to be aſſeſſed vnto, and that ſuch incumbent, ſo being requyred, hath not payde his ſaid part and porcion, accordyng to the forme and effect of this acte, that then euery ſuch archbiſhoppe and biſhoppe and euery other perſon, hauinge the charge by this acte, for collection and paymente of the ſayd penſion and annuell rente, vppon euery ſuche certificat, ſhalbe diſcharged and acquited for euer againſt the kinge, hys heyres and ſucceſſours, of and for all ſuch ſummes of money, as any ſuche incumbent, againſt whom ſuch certificate ſhalbe made, ſhould or ought to haue paide by this act: And that then in euery ſuch caſe the Treaſurer Chauncellour, Chamberlaine, and Barons of the kinges Eſchequere, ſhall deuiſe and dyrecte vppon euery ſuche certificate, ſuche proceſſe oute of the kinges Eſchequire, againſt euery ſuch incumbent, againſte whom any ſuche certificate ſhalbe made and their executours and adminiſtratours, or for inſufficiency of them, againſt the ſucceſſours of euery ſuch incumbent, wherby the kynges highnes, his heyres and ſucceſſours ſhall and maye bee truly aunſwered, payde, and contented of ſuch porcion and parte as the incumbente, againſt whom any ſuche certificate ſhalbe made, was tared, and aſſeſſed for his dignityes, benefyces, or promocions ſpirituall, chargeably by this acte.

And it is alſo ordayned and enacted, by auctority afore ſayd, that al maner of acquitaunces made by the treaſourer of the kinges chamber, or by any other ſuch commiſſioners, as ſhall bee appointed, as is afore ſayde, to receiue the ſayd penſion, or any part thereof, and ſubſcribed wyth ẏ name of the ſayd Treaſorer, or any other ſuch commiſſioner for the paymente of the ſayd penſion or annuell rent, or any parte thereof, to any ſuch perſon or perſons as be limitted and charged wyth the collection therof, ſhalbe of as good ſtrengthe force vertue and effect to the parties, hauinge the ſame, as if they were made in the kinges name vnder hys greate ſeale, and ſo ſhall be allowed, admitted, and accepted in all courtes of this realme: And that

the treasurer, Chauncellour, Chamberlaine, and Barons of the kings Eschequer, shall by vertue and auctority of this acte, as well admitte and allowe such acquitances, as all such Certificates as shalbe made against any incumbent for defaut of payment, as is abouesaid, vpon the accompt of euery archbishoppe and bishop, and of euery other person limitted and charged by this acte, for the collection and paymente of the sayde pension and annuell rent, wythout any writte, bill, or warrante to be sued in or for that behalfe. And that no maner of officer of the kinges Eschequier shall take of any archbishoppe or bishop, or of any other persons, hauinge charge wyth the collection and payment of the sayd pension or annuell rente any maner rewarde or thinge for makinge theyr accompte or Quietus est in the same eschequire, or for anye maner of thing appertayning to the same concerning the said pension and annuell rent, vppon paine of euery officer doinge contrary to this acte, to lose and forfaite his office, and make fine to ye king at his wyll and pleasure.

And for as much as euery incumbēt of the dignityes benefices and promocions spirituall afore mencioned, shalbe charged by this acte to the paymente of the x. parte of the value of theyr dignityes benefyces and promocions spirituall, wythout any deduction or allowance of suche pension or pensions, wherewyth some of theym bene charged to paye theyr predecessours, durynge theyr liues, or to other personnes to the vse of suche theyr predecessours duringe theyr liues, it is therefore ordayned and enacted by auctority aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull to euery incumbente, charged wyth any suche pension, payable to any his predecessours, or to any to his vse, to retayne and keepe in his hand the tenth part of euery suche pensiō: And that euery suche incumbente and his sureties, shall from henceforthe bee acquited and discharged of the saide tenthe parte of euerye suche pension, by vertue and auctority of this presente acte, anye decree ordinaunce or assignemente of any suche ordinary, or any colaterall wrytinge or surety made for such pension to any spirituall person or persons, or to any to their vses for terme of their liues, in any wyse not wythstandinge. And that as well euery incumbent as such persons as stande bounden for him, for paymen te of anye suche pensions, shall pleade this acte in euery of the kinges courtes, for the clere extinguishment and discharge of the x. parte of euery such pension.

And bee it also ordayned and enacted by auctorityе aforesayde, that no pension shall hereafter bee assigned by the ordinarye, or by anye other manner of agreemente by collaterall surety, or other wyse, vppon anye resignacion of anye dignity, benefice or promocion spirituall, aboue the value of the thirde parte of the dignity, benefice, or promocion spirituall resigned: And if any pension, amountinge aboue the valewe of the third parte of the dignity benefice or promocion spyrituall heretofore resigned, be already limitted and made sure to any spirituall person or per-

or persons, by decree of the ordinarye, or otherwise by anye collaterall surtie, or hereafter shall happen to be assigned and made sure to any person or persons spyrytuall, or to any other to their vse, by decree of the ordynary, or by any other collaterall surety, vpon any resignacion therof, yet neuertheless the incumbente charged with such pension, nor his sureties collaterall, shall not bee compelled to paye any more pension than the value of the thirde parte of his dignitie, benefice or promocion spirituall, so resigned shall mounte vnto: but shall, by auctoritye of this acte, be clerelye acquited and discharged of so much of the sayde pension, as shall amounte aboue the value of the thirde parte of the dignitye or benefice resigned: decree or assignement of the ordinary, or any collaterall writinges or sureties heretofore made or hereafter to be had or made for the same, to the cõtrary therof notwithstandinge.

And for asmuch as diuers abbottes & priours bene charged to pay great pẽsions to sondry theyr predecessours yet liuing, to the great decay of theyr hospitalities and house keppynge: Be it enacted by auctority aforesayd, that euerye such predecessour of such abbottes or priours, hauynge any pension made sure vnto them, or to any to theyr vse duringe their liues, amounting aboue the yerely value of .xl li. shall from henceforth be defalked and abated of the moitye and halfe deale of euery such pension. And that euery abbott and all other persons charged for the paymente of such pension, aboue the sayde yerely value of .xl.li. shall bee clerely acquited and discharged by auctority of this acte of the moity and halfe deale thereof for euer. Any decree or assignement thereof by the ordinary, or any writinge or surety collaterall had or made for the surety thereof notwithstandynge.

And for as much as the lorde priour of saynct Johns of Hierusalem in Englande, and his bretherne be not specyally named and expressed in thys acte, whereby ambiguitye mought arise, whether they should be comprised within the limites of thys acte, it is therefore for plaine declaracion thereof enacted by auctority aforesayd, that euery person and persons, whyche after the sayd fyrst daye of January, shall happen to be nominated, elected, collated or by any other meanes appoynted to the dignity of the sayd priory of sainct Johns of Hierusalem in Englande, or to any commaundry appertayning vnto the same, shal before their actual and real entre into the same dignity or commaundrye, or medlynge with the profites thereof, satisfye, and pay to the vse of the kynges hyghnes, hys heyres and successours, the fyrst fruictes and profites therof for one whole yere, or agree or compound for the same at reasonable dayes, in like maner and form, and vpõ like peine in euerye behalfe, as Archbyshoppes and Byshoppes, and other spirituall persons beene bounde to, by vertue and auctoritye of this acte. And that also the priour of sainct Johns nowe beyng, and his successours, and euery of his bretherne, hauynge any commaundry, and their successours, shall contribute, and pay yearely to the kynges hyghnes, hys heyres and successours, one yerely rente and pension amounting to the tenth part of all their

possessions and profites as well spyrituall as temporall: And shalbe charged, rated, tared, and set to the contribucion and paiment of the said tenth part. And that also the sayd tenth part shalbe leuied, collected, and payde in suche like maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the tenthe part of other dignityes and benefices spirituall shalbe charged, tared, set, leuied, collected, and payed by auctority of this acte.

And for as much as in sondry and many cathedrall churches, colledges, and hospitalles of this realme, there is and time oute of minde hath bene certaine ordinaunces instituted and made, wherby the Deane, Prouoste, maister or other chiefe gouernour of such churches, colleges, and hospitalles hath a certaine parte and porcion of the possessions and profites belongyng to such Church, Colledges, and Hospitals, all onely limitted and belongynge to their offices and dignities: And euery prebendarye, brother, Vicare, Felowe, Pety canon, and other ministers spirituall in suche Churches, Colleges, and Hospitals, hath an other porcion, all only and distinctly limitted, apperteyninge and belonginge to theyr dignyties and offices in such Churches, Hospitals, and Colledges: it is therefore prouided and ordeyned by auctoritye aforesayde, that such person and persons, which at any tyme after the sayde fyrst day of January, shalbe nominated, elected, presented, prefected, collated, or by other meanes appointed to be Deane, Prouoste, mayster, or other chiefe gouernour of such Cathedrall churches, Colleges, or Hospitals, shalbe rated cõpound and pay for their fyrst fruicts, but onely after the rate of the pearelye valewe of the possessions and profytes, limitted and belongynge to theyr office and dignity. And that euery other person and persons, that after the sayde firste day of January shall be nominated, elected, presented, prefected, collated or by any other meanes appoyncted to haue any prebende, brotherhyp, felohip or to be any vicare or pety canõ, or to haue any other dignity or office spirituall in any such cathedrall churches, colleges, or hospitals, shall be rated compounde and payed for their firste fruictes after the rate of the yearely value of the possessions and profites limitted and belongyng to their dignities and offices in such churches, colledges, and hospitals, and none otherwise. Any thinge in this act to the cõtrary hereof in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that suche person or persons, that after the sayde fyrste daye of Januarye shall be presented and collated to any personage or vicarage, whereof the yerely value shall not exceede eight markes shall not be compelled to paye any first fruictes for any such personage or vicarage, where vnto they shall be presented or collated, not beinge aboue the sayde yerely value of eight markes: Excepte that the incumbent presented or collated to such personage or vicarage, whereof the yerely value shall not exceede eight markes, do lyue three yeres nexte and immediatelye folowynge after his institucion, induction, or collacion, to such personage or vicarage. And if such incumbent do liue after the sayde three yeares,

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then hee or his executours or administratours shal pay at dayes to bee ymmitted after the said yeres vppon sureties (as is aforesaid) the fyrst fruites of euery such personage and vicarage. And that in euery obligation to bee made by any incumbent of such personage or vicarage and his suretyes for paiment of the first fruites of such personage or vicarage, there shalbe conteyned a prouiso, that if the sayd incumbent dye wythin iii. yeres nert after the date of the institucion, induction, or collacion of the sayd personage or vicarage, that then the obligacion shalbe voyde and of none effecte. Any thinge in this act to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

And ouer this where the clergy of the prouince of Caunterbury in their conuocation haue graunted vnto the kinges highnes one hundred thousande poundes, and the clergie of the prouince of Yorke xviij. Thousande, eyght hundred, fortie pounde s.d to bee payde by euen portions in fiue yeares, and that which could not be leuied thereof in the same v. yeares, to be payde in the sixte yeare, as by the tenour of their seuerall grauntes thereof made in theyr seueral cõuocations more plainly appeareth: It may please the kinges maiesty, of his excellent goodnes, in considerations ỳ the sayd yerely pension and annuel rent shalbe yearelye from henceforth duly payde and satisfyed to his highnes, and to his heyres and successours, accordinge to the tenour fourme, purporte and effect of this present acte, that it maye be enacted by auctority of this presente parliament, that the cleargy of the said prouince of Caunterbury, and euery of them shalbe discharged and acquited againste oure saide soueraygne lorde, his heyres, and successours of and for the twenty thousande pounde, parcell of the saide C.M.li. whiche should be paide in the v. yere of payment limitted by their graunte: And that the clergy of the said prouincte of Yorke shall likewyse be discharged & acquited of and for all such summes of money, parcel of the sayde xviij M. DCCC.xl.li.x.d. which should be payd in the v. yeare of payment limitted by theyr graunt: any thing in theyr said seuerall grauntes thereof made in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, ỳ all the residue of summes of money, which bee yet to be paied, and not released nor discharged by this acte, shalbe truly paied and satisfied to our said soueraigne lord, his heyres or successours, accordig to the tenour, fourme & effect of their said seuerall grauntes.

Prouided also, that all such fees, which any archbishoppe, bishop, abbot, priour, or other prelate of the Churche, is bounden yearely to paye to any Chauncellour, maister of the Rolles, Justices, sheriffes, or other officers, or ministers of record, for temporall Justice to be done or ministred wythin theyr dioces or iurisdictions, shalbe allowed and deducted by the cõmissioners aforesayd, in & vppon the valuacion of the dignityes monasteryes pryories or churches chargeable with such fees: Any thinge in this act to ỳ contrary hereof notwythstanding.

An acte for punishment of periurie of Jurours in the lordships marchers in Wales. Cap. iiij.

WHere for lacke of diligente and sure custodye of Jurours sworne for trialls of murders, felons, and accessaryes of felonies and murders in Wales, & the marches of the same, diuers adherents frends and kinsfolkes to such offendours haue resorted to the same iurours, and haue suborned them to acquite diuers murderers felons and accessaryes, openly and notoriously knowen, contrary to equity and iustice: It is therefore enacted by the kinge oure soueraygne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same, that forthwyth vppon the charge geeuen to any inquest hereafter to be taken & sworne before any Justiciar, Steward Lieuetenaunt, or other officer within Wales or the marches of the same, of for and vppon any trauers agaynste the king, or the tryall of any recognisaunce broken, or anye other forfayture forfayted to the kinge, or of for and vppon the tryall of any murderer felon or accessary of felony or murder, one officer or other personne shalbe deputed and sworne in the presence of the sayd iusticiar or other officer for the true and diligent keeping of the same iurours: And that the same officers or other person so sworne without the speciall commaundement of the said iusticiar or other officer, shall not do or suffer to be ministred to the same iurours any bread drinke or meate, fyre or lighte, nor shall suffer the same Jurours to speake to any person or persons, nor the same officer or other person sworne, wythout the commaundement aforesayd, shall not speake to the sayd iurours, but onely to demaunde of theim of theyr agreemente, vnto such time as the same iurours shall haue giuen their verdite, any vsage or custome heretofore vsed to the contrary notwithstanding: And if the same officer or other person so sworne in forme aforesaid, do not execute and accomplishe the premisses in the othe before rehersed in euery point and article, than the same officer or other person so sworne shalbe punished and imprisoned, and make fine and raunsome to the kinges highnes by the discretion of the sayde Justiciar, Steward, Lieutenaunt, or other officer.

And also be it enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that if the same iurours do acquite any such felone, murderer, or accessary, vppon whose tryall they shalbe charged, or giue any vntrue verdite against the king, vppon the tryall of any trauers recognisaunce or other forfayture, contrary to good and pregnaunte euidence ministred to them by persons sworne before the said Justiciar, Steward, Lieutenaũt, or other officer, or that the sayd iurours or any of them do eate drinck or speake to or wyth any other person or persons, thẽ to such as be sworne wyth them, or otherwise misdemeane themselues after they be sworne, and before they haue giuen theyr verdite, that then the lorde presidente, and other of the counsaile of the marches for the

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time being, vpon ẏ notice or complaint therof to them made, shal not only haue power and auctority by this presente acte to call suche iurours before them, but also the same Justiciar, Stewarde, or other officer, afore whom anye suche acquitall, vntrue verdite, or misdemeanour shal happen to bee made, shall haue full power and auctority to compell suche iurours and euery of them vpon paine of imprisonment to be bounden by recognisaunce in a certaine summe of money, by theyr discretion to bee limitted, that the same iurours and euery of them shal personally appere at a certaine daye, by the same Justiciar, Steward or other officer to bee limitted before the lorde Presidente and other of the counsaile afore sayd, for the time beinge: then and there to abide and stande to such direction and order, as the same counsaile shall make ordeine and decre of in and vpon the same. And that the same counseile shal thereuppon haue auctority and power by examination or otherwyse, to heare & determine all and euery such cause, & shall haue like auctority to commit euery of the same iurours to prison, or other punishment, as shalbe thoughte most meete by the discretion of the sayde coũsayle, or otherwyse assesse or tare euery such iurour to his fine or raunsome by the same discretion, to be payed and leuied of their landes goodes and cattels to the vse of the kinges highnes.

An act that keepers of feries on the water of Seuerne shall not conuey in theyr ferie boates any maner of person goods or cattelles after the Sunne goinge downe, till the Sunne be vp. Cap. v.

FOr asmuche as dailye diuers felonies, robberyes, and murders bene manye times committed and done in ẏ counties of Glouc. and Somerset, in the parties nert adioyninge vnto ẏ water, called ẏ water of Seuerne betwene England and Southwales, and after suche murders and felonies done, the saide robbers felons & murderers, wyth the sayd goods so robbed and stolne make there conueyaunce wyth ẏ sayd goods so stolen, by nighte at diuers passages or feries ouer the saide ryuer or water, as the passages of Juste, Fremelande, Pyton, Arlighnam, Nowenham, Portsedes, Poynte, and all such other like passages ouer the sayde ryuer into Southwales, or into the forest called the forestе of Dene, also adioyninge to the same water. And when they be ouer the said water, than the goods so stolen be by dyuers priuiledges there kepte, albeit the owner and owners haue true and perfite knowledge thereof, yet they so robbed and spoyled be wythout remedy for to obtaine their sayde goods so stolen, and so that the secrete and sodeine conueyaunce by night of the sayde goods ouer the sayd feries and passages doth not onelye greatly encourage diuers personnes to come out of the parties of Southwales to steale robbe and murder diuers per-

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sons in theyr houses in the said counties ioyning, vppon the saide bordes of Wales, but also causeth many robberies and felonyes in sondry wayes to be committed and done vppon the sayd border neare adioyning to the same ryuer, to the great damage and hurt of the kynges subiectes, inhabityng there, vnlesse some remedy therefore be prouided. It may therefore please the kyng our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by the auctority of the same to enacte, that euery person or persons, taking vpon him or them to haue and keepe any of the sayde passages, or any other passages vpon Seuerne aforesaid, from henceforth do not cõuey neither cary wyth any maner barge, bote or other vessell, any person or persons wyth horses, mares, oxen, kye, or any other cattell, nor no other person or persons before the time of the Sunne rysing in the morning, and after the time of the Sunne being gone downe at night, vppon paine of imprisonmente & fine to set on him that shall so conueyghe or cary ouer any of the sayde passages of the sayde riuer of Seuerne oute of Englande into Wales, or the forreste of Dene, or out of Wales, or the sayd forest of Dene into England, vnlesse the sayde passangers and euery of theym haue good knowledge of such person and personnes, and of their dwelling places, and vpon requeste to them made by any person or persons to disclose the name and the dwellinge place of euery such personne or personnes, so by them conueyed ouer the said water, to any such person or persons requiring the same, if suite be made for and after them vppon any outcry, hute, or freshe sute of or for any felonie, robberie, murther, and manslaughter, committed and done from henceforth. And that the kinges Justiciers of peace within euery the said counties of Glouc. and Somerset, at their quarter sessions, shall haue full power and auctoritie to call before them all suche persons, which hereafter shall keepe any of the saide passages, or any other fery or passage ouer the said water into Wales, or the said forest, or oute of Wales or the sayde forest into England, and to binde them with suffitient sureties with them in recognisaunce, in such summes of money as it shall seeme to the discretion of the saide Justiciers of peace, that they and euery of them beinge passangers and keepers of feries and passages, as is aforesaide, from henceforth shall not after the said times before limitted and appointed, conueye or cary, or cause to be conueyed or caried any maner of person or personnes, or any kinde of cattell, but such persons as they do knowe & will answere for, and know where their abydinges, dwellinges, and habitacions be, & vppon requeste made to them or any of them, as is aboue saide, shall from time to time disclose, as well the same person or persons, as the goods and cattelles so passing the sayd passages vppon fresh suite made or hereafter to be made vpon any felony, murder, or robberie committed or done in the borders of the counties aforesaid, or in any other place within this realme or Southwales.

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An act that murders and felonyes done or committed within any lordship marcher in Wales shalbe inquired of, at the sessions holden wythin the shyre grounds next adioyning, wyth many good orders for ministracion of Justice there to be had. Cap. vi.

FOr as much as the people of Wales, and the marches of ỹ same, not dredinge the good & holsome lawes and statutes of this realme, haue of long time continued & perseuered in perpetracion and commission of diuers & manifold thefts, murders, rebellions, wilful burning of houses, and other scelerous deedes and abhominable malefactes, to the high displeasure of God, inquietacion of the kinges wel disposed subiects, & disturbance of the publike weale, which malefactes & scelerous deedes be so rooted and fixed in the same people, that they be not like to cease, vnlesse some sharpe correction and punishment for redresse and amputacion of the premisses be prouided, according to the demerites of the offendours. Bee it therefore enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, and the lords spirituall & temporall, and the commons in this parliament assembled, & by auctority of the same, that all and singuler person and persons, dwelling or resiaunt within wales, or in the lordshipes marchers of the same, frō time to time and at all times hereafter, vpon such monicion or warninge geuen for the court to be kept in wales, or in any of the lordshippes marches aforesayde as before this time hath ben vsed, shall personally repayre, resorte, and appere before the Justice, Steward, Lieutenaunt, or other officer at all and euery sessions, courte & courtes to be holden before the same Justice, Steward, or other officer in anye what soeuer castell, forteresse, or other place within wales, or within the precincte limites and iurisdictions of euery of the lordships marchers or seignories aforesayd. or the marches of the same as by the sayd Justice, Steward, or other officer shalbe appoynted: And than and there shall geue his or their personall attendaunce, to do, execute, and accomplishe all and euery thinge and thinges, which to hym or theym shal affere and appertaine, vpon peine of suche fines forfaitures and amerciaments, as shall be affered, assessed, and tared by the Justice, Steward, or other officer to the kinges vse, if it be within any of the kinges lordshippes marchers. And if it be within any other lordshippes marches, then to the vse of the lord of the sayd lordship marcher, for the time being: The sayd forfaitures and amerciamētes to be leuied, perceiued and taken by way of distresse of the goodes and cattalles of euerye person not apperyuge at the sayd court or courtes, or not doyng, executing, or accomplishing hys dutye, as is abouesayde.

And for as much as the officers in the lordshippes marchers in Wales, haue ofte and sundry times heretofore vnlawfully exacted the kinges subiectes within suche lordeshyppes, where they haue had rule or auctoryty, by

by many and ſundry wayes & meanes, & alſo commytted them to ſtreight dureſſe and impriſonmente, for ſmall and lighte fained cauſes, and extorcyoully compelled them therby to paye vnto thē fines for theyr redemptions, contrary to the law. Therfore be it further enacted, that if any Steward, Lieutenant, or any other officer of any lordſhip, marcher, do faine, procure or imagine any vntrue ſurmiſe againſt any perſon or perſons, that ſhall to geue their perſonall attendaunce before them at ſuche courte or courtes, and vpon the ſame vntrue ſurmiſe committe them to any dureſſe or impryſonmente contrary to the lawe, or contrarye to the true and lawdable cuſtome of that lordeſhippe: that then vpon ſuite made vnto the kinges commiſſioners or counſeile of the marches, for the time being, by any ſuch perſon or perſons ſo impriſoned, or by any of their frendes, that then the ſame commiſſioners or counſeile, ſhall haue full power and auctority, to ſend for ſuch Stewarde, Lieutenaunt, or officer, and alſo for the perſon or perſons ſo impriſoned. And if the ſame perſon or perſons ſo impriſoned, can euidently proue before the ſayde counſeyle, by good and ſubſtanciall witnes, or otherwyſe, that hys impriſonment was vpon any feyned ſurmiſe, without cauſe reaſonable or lawefull, that then the ſame commiſſioners ſhall haue full power and auctority to aſſeſſe the ſayd officer to paye to the ſayde perſon or perſons wrongfully impriſoned. vi.s. viii.d. for euery day of theyr impriſonment, or more, by the diſcretions of the ſayd commiſſioners, according to the hurtes and behauiour of the perſon or perſons impriſoned.

And that the ſame commiſſioners ſhall ſet further fine vpon ỳ ſayd officer to be payed to the kinges vſe, as by their diſcretions ſhall be thought conueniēt. And in caſe the ſame officers do refuſe to appere before the ſame cōmiſſioners incontinent after any commaundemente to them directed & deliuered, after any ſuch complainte made to the ſame commiſſioners, that then the ſame commiſſioners ſhall haue full power & auctority vpon euery defaulte made by any officer or officers, to aſſeſſe and ſet vppon euery ſuch officer or officers makinge defaulte, ſuch fyne or fynes, to bee leuied to the kynges vſe, as by their diſcretions ſhalbe thoughte conueniente. And that the ſame commiſſioners ſhall haue full power and auctority to compell the ſayd officer or officers by way of impriſonment, aſwell to pay ſuch fine as ſhalbe ſet and taxed vpon them to the kinges vſe, as to pay vnto euery perſon or perſons ſo impriſoned ſuch ſummes of money, as they ſhall be aſſeſſed to pay for theyr wronge impriſonment.

And alſo be it enacted by auctority aforeſayde, that no perſon or perſons dwellinge or reſiaunte within wales or the lordeſhippes marchers of the ſame, of what eſtate, degree or condicion ſoeuer he or they be of, comming, reſortinge, or repayring vnto any ſeſſions or courte, to bee holden within wales, or any lordeſhippes, marches of the ſame, ſhall bringe or beare, or cauſe to be broughte or borne to the ſame ſeſſions or courte, or to any place within the diſtaunce of two miles from the ſame ſeſſions or courte, nor to any towne, church, faire, market or other congregacion, excepte it be vpon

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a hute, or outerie, made of anye felony, robbery done or perpetrated, nor in the highe wayes in affraye of the kinges peace, or the kinges liege people, any bill, longe bowe, crosbow, handgon, swearde, staffe, dagger, halberde, morespike, speare, or any other maner of weapon, preuy coote, or armoure defensiue, vpon paine of forfayture of the same weapon, priuy coote, or armour, and to suffer imprisonment, and make fine and raũsome to the kinges highnes by the discretion of the kinges commissioners of his marches for the time being, except it be by the commaundement, licence or assente of the sayd Justices Steward or other officer, or of the cõmissioners or coũsell of the marches for the tyme beinge. And that no person nor persons frõ henceforth, wythoute licence of the sayde commissioners in wrytinge, shall wythin Wales or marches of the same, or in anye shyres adioyninge to the same, requyre procure gather or leuye any Commorth, Bydalle, tenauntes ale, or other colleccion or exactions of goods cattelles money, or any other thinge, vnder colour of maryinge or sufferinge of theyr children sayinge or singinge theyr fyrst masses or gospelles of any priestes or clarkes, or for redemption of any murder or anye other felonye, or for any other maner of cause, by what name or names soeuer they shalbe called, nor shall make or procure to be made, any games of runuinge, wrestlinge, leapinge, or any other games, the game of shooting onely excepted and forprised, vpon paine of one whole yeres imprisonmẽt of euery person or persons, as shal gather or procure to be gathered, any such collection or exaction, or shall make or procure to be made any games, as is aforesayde. And further they and euery of them shall make such fine as by the discretion of the kinges commissioners of his marches, shalbe thoughte conueniente. And further the sayd commissioners, by this present acte, shal haue power and auctority, to heare and determine the said offences by theyr examinacion. And that no person or personnes, shall hereafter at any time caste any thinge into anye courte within Wales, or in the lordshippes marchers of the same, by the meane or name of an Arthel, by reason wherof the court may be letted, disturbed, or discontinued for that time, vpon pain of one whole yeres imprisonment of any such person or persons, as shall caste or cause to be cast any such Arthel into any court or courts hereafter to be holdẽ within Wales or the lordships marches of the same. Any custome before this time vsed to the contrary notwithstanding.

And that all sessions and courtes hereafter to be holden within Wales, or the lordshippes marches of the same, shalbe kept wythin the moste surest and peasible place wythin the same lordshippe marcher, where the said Justice Stewarde or other officer shall appointe, and for the punishmente and spedy trials as well of ẏ counterfayters of any coyne currant within this realme, weshinge, clippinge, or mynishinge of the same, as of all and singuler felonyes, murthers, wilfull burninge of houses, manslaughters, robberies, burgularies, rapes, and accessaries of the same, and other offences, feloniously done perpetrated & committed, or hereafter to be done, perpetra-

petrated & cõmitted within any lordship marcher of Wales: Be it enacted by the auctority afore sayd, that the Justices of the Gaole deliuery, and of the peace and euery of them for ỳ time being, in the shyre or shyres of England, where the kynges writ runneth, next adioyning to the same Lordship marcher, or other place in Wales, where suche counterfaytinge, washinge, clippinge, or mynishing of any coyne currant wythin this Realme, or murther hath bene or hereafter shalbe committed or done, or wher any other felonyes or accessaries shalbe hereafter cõmitted perpetrated or done, shal haue from henceforth ful power & auctority, at theyr sessions & Gaole deliuery, to enquyre by verdicte of twelue men of the same shyre or shyres, next adioyninge wythin Englande, where the kinges writ runneth, there to cause all such counterfaytours, washers, clippers of money, felons, murderers, and accessaries to the same, to be indited according to the lawes of this land, in like maner and fourme, as if the same pety treasons, murders, felonyes, and accessaryes to the same, had bene done committed or perpetrated wythin any of the sayd shyres, wythin the sayd realme: and also to heare determin and iudge the same, according to the lawes of the realme. And that all forcine pleas, pleaded by any of the said malefactours, and offendours, shalbe tryed and determined in the said shyre or shyres: and that the acquital or fine makinge for any of the causes afore sayde, in any of the lordshippes marches, shalbe no barre for any persone or persones beinge indicted in the sayd shyre or shyres, wythin two yeares next after any such murder or felony done.

And further it is enacted, that the sayd Justices of peace and Gaole deliuerye, and euery of them, shall haue full power and auctority to awarde all maner of proces, as wel of outlawry as otherwise, against al and euery such offendour and offẽdours, so indited in maner and fourme and according to the customes and lawes vsed and accustomed within this realme of England. And that the sayd Justices, or two of them, afore whom any such offender shall happen to be outlawed or attainted by outlagary, shall immediatly vppon the same vtlagarie or atteinder, directe and sende vnto the kinges officers of his lordshippes marchers or to theyr deputies, or vnto the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordshippe marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or to theyr deputies, wherin such offence murder or felonie shall happen to be done, or where any such offendour, murderer, or felon, shall happen to be resiaunt, a Certificate vnder the seales of them, or two of them, of any suche outlagary or atteinder, commaundinge theym and euery of them by ỳ same, vnder paine of forfayture of a hundred pound to the king, to be leuied & perceyued, as well of the goods cattelles landes and tenementes of the same lord or lordes marchers, as of the goods and cattels lands and tenementes of the kinges officer there, to apprehende & attache, or cause to bee apprehended and attached the body or bodyes of ỳ same offendour or offendours, so outlawed or atteinted, and safely to kepe or cause to be kept the same offendour or offendours, till such conuenient

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And further it is enacted, that the sayd Justices of peace and Gaole deliuerye, and euery of them, shall haue full power and auctority to awarde all maner of proces, as wel of outlawry as otherwise, against al and euery such offendour and offẽdours, so indited in maner and fourme and accoꝛding to the customes and lawes vsed and accustomed within this realme of England. And that the sayd Justices, or two of them, afore whom any such offender shall happen to be outlawed or attainted by outlagary, shall immediatly vppon the same vtlagarie or atteinder, directe and sende vnto the kinges officers of his lordshippes marchers or to theyr deputies, or vnto the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordshippe marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or to theyr deputies, wherin such offence murder or felonie shall happen to be done, or where any such offendour, murderer, or felon, shall happen to be resiaunt, a Certificate vnder the seales of them, or two of them, of any suche outlagary or atteinder, commaundinge theym and euery of them by ỳ same, vnder paine of foꝛfayture of a hundred pound to the king, to be leuied & perceyued, as well of the goods cattelles landes and tenementes of the same lord or lordes marchers, as of the goods and cattels lands and tenementes of the kinges officer there, to apprehende & attache, or cause to bee apprehended and attached the body or bodyes of ỳ same offendour or offendours, so outlawed or atteinted, and safely to kepe or cause to be kept the same offendour or offendours, till such conuenient

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time before the nexte sessions of the kynges Justices of his gaole delyuerye, of the shire, where such offendour or offendours, shal happen to be outlawed or atteinted, as to the kinges officers of his lordeshippes marchers, or to theyr deputyes, or vnto the lorde marcher or lordes marchers of the same lordship marcher, or to his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, where such offendour or offendours shall be apprehended, attached deteyned and kepte, shalbe thought expediente for the conueyaunce and conducting of the same offendour or offendours, in maner and forme folowynge to be deliuered from the kynges officers or their deputies, or the lorde marcher or the lordes marchers, or his or their officer or officers, to other persons assigned by thys acte to receiue and conuey such offendour or offendours, by indenture to be made betwene the deliuerour or deliuerours and the receiuour or the receiuours: That is to saye, that the kinges officers of hys lordeship marcher or their deputyes, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the lordship marcher, or his or their officer or officers, or their deputies, where such offendour or offendours shall be apprehended, attached deteyned and kepte, shall safely and surely conducte and conuey, or cause to be conducted and conueyed the same offendour or offendours, to the nexte lordeship marcher towarde the shire, where the same offendour or offendours shall happen to be outlawed or attainted. And that the officers of the same lordeship marcher, or their deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordeship marcher, or his or their officer or officers, or their deputyes, shall receiue and safely and surely conduct and conuey the same offendour or offendours to the nexte lordeship marcher. And so the kynges officers of euery lordeshippe marcher, or their deputies, or the lorde or lordes marchers of the same lordeshippe, or his or their officer or officers or their deputies, to receiue conducte & conuey saufely and surely euery such offendour or offendours from one lordeshippe marcher to an other lordshippe marcher, by endēture, as is afore sayd, vnto the time that such offendour or offendours shall be saufely deliuered before the sayde Justices of the gaole deliuerye, vpon peyne of forfaiture by euery of the kynges officer or lorde marcher, by whose default the same offendour or offendours shall ne may not appere before the same Justices at their sayde sessions there to stande and abyde ỹ order of the kynges lawes. C. li. to be leuied & perceiued of the goodes and cattalles, landes and tenementes of the same officer or lord to the kings vse. And that all & euery officer and officers, lorde and lordes, or other persons, to whom any certificat shalbe directed, as is abouesayd, shall at the nexte sessions and Gaole deliuerye to bee holden after the prehension or attachement of such offendour or offendours, returne the same certificate in dewe fourme, and what he or they haue done in that behalf vpon the peine afore sayde. Sauinge alway to all and euery offendour and offendours, all & singuler trauerses, chalenges, excepcions, aduantages and all other pleas to of and vpon the outlawry pronounced or promoulged agaynst the same offendour or offendours, in maner and forme as is and hath bene vsed and

accustomed by the lawes of this realme for any the kings subiectes dwellynge within the same realme.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that if any person or persons, which shall happen hereafter to be indited outlawed arrainned, conuicted, or attainted by force of this acte, do finde such sufficient sureties before the kinges Justices of hys gaole deliuerye, as by their discrecion shalbe thought conuenient, that the same person or persons shall not from thencefoorth commit nor do any felonye, murder or felonious offence, nor be accessarye to any felony, murder or felonious offence, but at all times from thencefoorth shalbe of good behauiour agaynst the king our soueraygne lorde, hys heyres and successours, his and their lawes, and libertes, that then the same Justices of gaole deliuery for the time beinge, with and by the assent, consent and agreemente of the lorde president, and two of the kinges commissioners, or counsaile of the marches for the time beinge or three of them at the least, wherof the lorde presidente, or one of the sayde counsayle to be one, shall and may by their discrecion for one time only admitte any suche offendour to a certaine fine or summe of money on him by them to be assessed and taxed, to be surely payed to the kynges vse, and shall haue full power and auctority by thys present act to discharge any such offendour or offendours, so arrained, outlawed, conuicted and atteinted of all and euery such felonye murther or felonious offence and accessaries of the same, and of all executions and punishmentes of death, which the same offendour or offendours should suffre by the common lawes of this realme: so that the same offendour or offendours stande not appeled of the sayd felonie, murder or felonious offence, or accessarye of the same offences at the time of his sayd discharge. And that euery such offendour so discharged as is abouesayde, shall be for the same offence or offences done within any of the kinges lordships marchers, or any other lordeships marchers, discharged as well agaynst the kynges hyghnes, his heyres or successours, as against all other lordes marchers for one tinse onely.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctority aforesayde, that this presente acte, or any thing therin conteined, shall not extende ne take place to abridge, depriue or minorate any liberties, priuilege or auctority of any lorde marcher, heretofore graunted to the same lorde, or lawefully vsed or accustomed by the sayd lorde, or any of his auncetours, oncles, the foresayd offendours happen to be indited, outlawed, arrained, conuicted or atteinted by force of this act, as is abouesayd, within two yeres next after such murther or other felonious offence perpetrated, done or committed within the sayd lordeshippes marchers or any of them: Any thinge in this present acte before rehersed to the contrary notwithstandyng.

And furthermore be it enacted by the auctority aforesayd, that all murthers, robberies, felonies and accessaryes of the same, which shall happen hereafter to be done, perpetrated or committed within the shire of Merionyth in wales, shall and may be from henceforth enquired, heard and determined

termined in the counties of Carneruan or Angleſee, before the kinges Juſtices of north wales, or his deputie for the time beynge, by verdicte or inqueſt to bee taken by the inhabitauntes of the ſame ſhires of Carneruan & Angleſee, or otherwiſe, if by the diſcrecion of the Juſtice there or his deputie, ſhalbe thought conuenient. And that the ſame Juſtice or his deputye, for the time beyng ſhal haue full power and auctorite by his diſcrecion, by force of this preſēt act, to here and determine al and euery the forſayd murthers, felonies, robberies, and acceſſaries, in forme aforeſayde.

And where heretofore vppon diuers murthers, robberies, & felonies perpetrated and done, as well within the lordſhippes marchers of wales, as in other places of wales without the ſame lordſhips, the offenders diuers times flee and eſcape from the ſame lordeſhip or other place, where ſuch offence was committed, and haue repayred & reſorted into an other lordſhip marcher and there by the aide, comforte and fauour of the ſayd lorde of the ſame lordeſhip or his officer or officers, haue bene abidynge and reſtaunte into the which lordeſhippes the ſame lordes marchers haue and do pretend a cuſtome and priuyledge, that none of the kynges mynyſters or ſubiectes may entre, to purſue, apprehende and attache any ſuch offendour, thervnto repaired, as is aforeſayd, by reaſon wherof the ſame offendours wēt vnpuniſhed, to the animacion and encouraging of other euel diſpoſed people. It is therfore enacted by the auctority aboueſayde, that euerye officer and officers, and their deputies, vpon commaundement giuen by the cōmiſſioners or counſayle of the marches for the time being, ſhall bring ſende or deliuer euery ſuch offendour to the officer of the lordeſhip marcher, or other place, where any ſuch offence is or ſhall be committed or done, vppon the meres and bondes of the ſayd lordſhips, or to the ſayde commiſſioners or counſaile, according as the ſayd officers by them ſhall be commaunded vnder peine of .xl. poundes, the ſame commaundement or commiſſion to be directed to anye ſuche officer to be ſende conueyed and deliuered by a ſergeant at armes, or a purſeuaūt, attendaunt on the ſayd councell in the marches, for the time being.

An acte for amending of highe wayes in Suſſex. Cap. vij.

WHere it is ordeyned and enacted by thauctority of this preſent parliament heretofore holden at London, the xv. daye of Apryll, in the xiiij. yere of the kinges moſte noble raygne, and from thence adiourned to Weſtminſter the laſt day of July, the xv. yeare of his raigne, and there holden: in conſideracion that many comon waies in the wield of Kēt be ſo deepe & noyous by wearing & cours of water & other occaſiōs, that people can not haue theyr paſſages & cariages by horſes vpon or by the ſame, but to their great paynes perils & ieopardy, that if any perſon or perſons from

accuſtomed by the lawes of this realme for any the kings ſubiectes dwellynge within the ſame realme.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auctority aforeſayde, that if any perſon or perſons, which ſhall happen hereafter to be indited outlawed arrainned, conuicted, or attainted by force of this acte, do finde ſuffycient ſureties before the kinges Juſtices of hys gaole deliuerye, as by their diſcrecion ſhalbe thought conuenient, that the ſame perſon or perſons ſhall not from thencefoorth commit nor do any felonye, murder or felonious offence, nor be acceſſarye to any felony, murder or felonious offence, but at all times from thencefoorth ſhalbe of good behauiour agaynſt the king our ſoueraygne lorde, hys heyres and ſucceſſours, his and their lawes, and libertes, that then the ſame Juſtices of gaole deliuery for the time beinge, with and by the aſſent, conſent and agreemente of the lorde preſident, and two of the kinges commiſſioners, or counſaile of the marches for the time beinge or three of them at the leaſt, wherof the lorde preſidente, or one of the ſayde counſayle to be one, ſhall and may by their diſcrecion for one time only admitte any ſuche offendour to a certaine fine or ſumme of money on him by them to be aſſeſſed and tared, to be ſurely payed to the kynges vſe, and ſhall haue full power and auctority by thys preſent act to diſcharge any ſuch offendour or offendours, ſo arrained, outlawed, conuicted and atteinted of all and euery ſuch felonye murther or felonious offence and acceſſaries of the ſame, and of all executions and puniſhmentes of death, which the ſame offendour or offendours ſhould ſuffre by the common lawes of this realme: ſo that the ſame offendour or offendours ſtande not appeled of the ſayd felonie, murder or felonious offence, or acceſſarye of the ſame offences at the time of his ſayd diſcharge. And that euery ſuch offendour ſo diſcharged as is abouеſayde, ſhall be for the ſame offence or offences done within any of the kinges lordſhips marchers, or any other lordeſhips marchers, diſcharged as well agaynſt the kynges hyghnes, his heyres or ſucceſſours, as againſt all other lordes marchers for one tiuſe onely.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted by the auctority aforeſayde, that this preſente acte, or any thing therin conteined, ſhall not extende ne take place to abridge, depriue or minorate any liberties, priuilege or auctority of any lorde marcher, heretofore graunted to the ſame lorde, or lawefully vſed or accuſtomed by the ſayd lorde, or any of his auncetours, oneles, the foreſayd offendours happen to be indited, outlawed, arrained, conuicted or atteinted by force of this act, as is abouеſayd, within two yeres next after ſuch murther or other felonious offence perpetrated, done or committed within the ſayd lordeſhippes marchers or any of them: Any thinge in this preſent acte before reherſed to the contrary notwithſtandyng.

And furthermore be it enacted by the auctority aforeſayd, that all murthers, robberies, felonies and acceſſaryes of the ſame, which ſhall happen hereafter to be done, perpetrated or committed within the ſhire of Merionyth in wales, ſhall and may be from hencefoorth enquired, hearde and determined

termined in the counties of Carneruan or Anglesee, before the kinges Justices of north wales, or his deputie for the time beynge, by verdicte or inquest to bee taken by the inhabitauntes of the same shires of Carneruan & Anglesee, or otherwise, if by the discrecion of the Justice there or his deputie, shalbe thought conuenient. And that the same Justice or his deputye, for the time beyng shal haue full power and auctoritye by his discrecion, by force of this presēt act, to here and determine al and euery the forsayd murthers, felonies, robberies, and accessaries, in forme aforesayde.

And where heretofore vppon diuers murthers, robberies, & felonies perpetrated and done, as well within the lordshippes marchers of wales, as in other places of wales without the same lordships, the offenders diuers times flee and escape from the same lordeship or other place, where such offence was committed, and haue repayred & resorted into an other lordship marcher and there by the aide, comforte and fauour of the sayd lorde of the same lordeship or his officer or officers, haue bene abidynge and resiaunte into the which lordeshippes the same lordes marchers haue and do pretend a custome and pryuyledge, that none of the kynges mynysters or subiectes may entre, to pursue, apprehende and attache any such offendour, therunto repaired, as is aforesayd, by reason wherof the same offendours wēt vnpunished, to the animacion and encouraging of other euel disposed people. It is therfore enacted by the auctority abouesayde, that euerye offycer and officers, and their deputies, vpon commaundement giuen by the cōmissioners or counsayle of the marches for the time being, shall bring sende or deliuer euery such offendour to the officer of the lordeship marcher, or other place, where any such offence is or shall be committed or done, vppon the meres and bondes of the sayd lordships, or to the sayde commissioners or counsaile, according as the sayd officers by them shall be commaunded vnder peine of .xl. poundes, the same commaundement or commission to be directed to anye suche officer to be sende conueyed and deliuered by a sergeant at armes, or a purseuaūt, attendaunt on the sayd councell in the marches, for the time being.

An acte for amending of highe wayes in Sussex. Cap. vij.

Where it is ordeyned and enacted by thauctority of this present parliament heretofore holden at London, the xv, daye of Aprill, in the xiiii. yere of the kinges moste noble raygne, and from thence adiourned to Westminster the last day of July, the xv. yeare of his raigne, and there holden: in consideracion that many comon waies in the wield of Kēt be so deepe & noyous by wearing & cours of water & other occasiōs, that people can not haue theyr passages & cariages by horses vpon or by the same, but to their great paynes perils & ieopardy, that if any person or persons from

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that time in any place within the sayde weilde of the sayde county, of his good minde & disposicō without any value of good by him or by thē to be receiued for the same, will for the commen weale of the kynges people assigne and laye out a more cōmodious way in & ouer the lands therunto adioyning, wherof the person or persons, or other to his vse shall be seased or see in estate of inheritaunce, that the same newe way so to be assigned and laied out, by ouerslighte and assent of two Justices of the peace of the sayde county, and .xij. other discrete men within the same hundreth inhabityng, where any such new way shalbe limitted & laied out, or inhabiting within the same hundred and other hundredes to the sayd hundreth nerte adioyning shalbe from thencefoorth holden occupied and vsed in like maner as ỳ sayd olde way there now is or before hath bene. And that also the same person or persons so disposed, willing & accomplishing, shall and may for ỳ sayd new way so assigned & vsed, receiue and hold in wey of recompense for ỳ same new way so to be geuen, the soyle & groūd of the olde way in fearetye, to them their heires and assignes, to their owne vse and profit for euer without any common waye or passage there from thencefoorth to be had or claimed, any prescription or vse to the contrary not withstandynge, in like maner and forme as is limited by the sayd act of a certain new way graūted by the same acte to be made by George Guilford squier at Hemsted in ỳ sayd weilde of Kent. And that the sayd two Justices of peace, & other discrete men by whose ouerslight & assent, ỳ sayd new way by vertue of the sayd acte, shalbe assigned, limitted & laid out, shall within .iij. monethes next after thassignemēt, limitacion & leying out of ỳ same, make certificate into the kinges most honorable court of chaūcery vnder their seales of the length and bredth of ỳ sayd new way or strete, & of other thinges adioyning or cōcerning the same, as by their discrecios shall be thought most expedient or requisite for the comē welth of that coūtrey to be certified, and that certificat to be made from time to time, as oft as any such new way or street shall be assigned limitted and layed out in fourme aboue written.

Prouided alway, that if any person or persons, or body politike, haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shal haue any church way, or other whatsoeuer way or passage, ouer or through any maner landes adioyning to any of the said old waies or stretes, which shalbe taken & vsed by force of that acte as seueral soile & freehold, in recōpence for any new way to be made & layd out in form aforesaid, or haue or ought to haue, or hereafter shal haue any landes or tenemēts adioyning to ỳ sayd old way, they & euery of thē, their heires & successours may haue & vse their said way or waies out of & in ỳ said new way ouer & through the land of the said old way or streate, into or ouer the sayd lands or tenementes adioyninge to the same, & so to passe and repasse as shall appertain, ouer the same old way, at such conueniente place or places thereof, as therefore shalbe limited & assigned by the sayde .ij. Justices of peace and other .xij. men, and by them to be certified in the chancery, and other thynges by thē to be certified in forme aforesayd, any thing in the said acte

act aboue writtē notwithstāding, as by the same act manifestly appereth. And for as muche as in manye places wythin the County of Sussex ye act for ỳ alteratiō of cōmon wayes & stretes there being much annoyous is much necessary and expedient for the common welth and commodity of the kinges subiectes of the sayd county of Sussex to be had and made. In consideracion wherof be it ordeyned & enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spyrituall and temporall, & the cōmons in this presente parliament assembled, & by thauctority of the same, that the sayd act aboue rehersed and recited, shal and may from hencefoorth extende take effect and be put in execution in euery place conuenient or necessary wythin the sayd countie of Sussex, where wayes and streates be noyous to the kings said subiectes of the same county of Sussex in like forme & maner & in al pointes and condicions, and wyth like prouiso to be had done & executed, as it is conteyned & expressed in the aboue recited act concerning the chaunge of the wayes and stretes in the sayd county of Kente, any prescription vse custome or ther thing to the contrary being in any wyse notwythstāding.

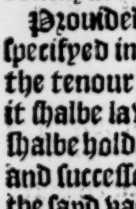
An act for reedifying of voyde grounds in the city of Norwich. Cap. viii.

Where by infortunate chaunce of fier a great nomber of houses of habitacion wythin the cittie of Norwich, about xxvi. yeres past, were burned and vtterly consumed, to the great heuines distōforte, losse and hinderance of the inhabitauntes of the same city. By reason of which burninge diuers and many voyde grounds, whereupon before the same fyre good and substancial houses of habitacion were standyng remaynyng now at this day vnreedifyed, and not only vnreedifyed, but also to lye as desolate and vacant grounds many of them nighe adioyning to the highe streetes, repleniſhed wyth much vncleannes & filth to the great anoisance of the sayd inhabitantes, and other the kyngs subiectes passing by the same: and to thentent that a reformacion may be had in that behalfe. Be it enacted by the king oure soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spyrituall and temporall, and the commons in thys presente parliamente assēbled, & by thauctority of the same, that if the owner or owners of such vacāt ground or grouūds, so lying wythin the precinct of the said city, wythin two yeres next after proclamacion made by the cōmaundemēt of the Mayre of the said city for the tyme being, wythin & vpon such vacāt ground or groundes, of the tenour and effecte of this presente acte, do not sufficiently reedify, or els wyth walles of morter and stone sufficiently inclose the same vacant ground or grounds, whereupon such proclamacion shalbe made, that then it shalbe lawful to ỳ Mayre, sheryffes cittizens and commnalty of the same city & theyr successours for the tyme being, immediatly after the sayd two yeres expyred, to enter into euery suche grounde and grounds so vacant as is aforesayde, whereupon such proclamacion, as is before remembred, shalbe so made, and the same ground & groundes

to hold and retaine without interruptiō to them and theyr successours for euer, clerely discharged of all rentes, as well against the lords of fees thereof as of al other, so that alwayes ẏ same mayre sheriffes citizens and comminalty or theyr successours, do well, and sufficiently reedifye, or els wyth walles of morter & stone, as is aforesayde, sufficiently doe inclose the same ground & grounds, wherin they shall enter, wythin two yeres nerte after such entre by thē so to be made, as is aforesayd. And in case the same mayre sheriffes citizens & cōminalty, or their successours, do not sufficiētly reedifye or inclose, or cause to be reedifyed or inclosed ẏ same ground and grounds, in fourme aforesaid wythin ẏ same terme of two yeres nert after they shall so enter into the same, ẏ then it shalbe lawful to the said first owners & owners of al such ground and grounds, theyr heyres or successours immediatlye after the same 3. yeares so expyred, to reentre in the same ground and grounds, and the same to retayne and enioy againe to thē, theyr heyres and successours, as in theyr former estate and interest: any thing in this act contayned to the contrary therof in any wyse notwythstanding.

Prouided alwayes, ẏ if the owners of such vacant ground or grounds specifyed in this acte, doe not repayre and amende the same, according to the tenour of this acte, within two yeares lymitted by this acte, that then it shalbe lawfull to the chiefe lords, of whom such vacant grounds bene holden, shalbe holden, to enter & to haue the same groundes to theim theyr heyres and successours for euer, so ẏ euery such chiefe lorde do repaire and amende the sayd vacant grounds according to the tenour & effect of this act within one yere nert after that such chiefe lord maye enter by auctority of this acte. And if such chiefe lord, as may enter by this acte, doe not repayre and amende ẏ same vacant grounds wythin one yere nert after they may enter by this acte: that then for euery such default the Mayre sheriffes citizens and comminalty shall lawfully enter into the saide groundes, according to the tenour forme effect & condicion aboue expressed in this act: any thing in this act to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

An act for reedifying of voyde grounds within the towne of Lynne. Cap. ix.



Humbly beseecheth your good and gracious highnes your obedient subiectes, the Mayre and burgeses of the towne of Lynne bishoppe, in your county of Norfolke, that where at this present time diuers and many mesuages and tenementes of olde tyme builded wythin the sayd towne, are & by a long tyme haue ben in great decay and desolacion, wherby the flud & rage of the sea, comming to the sayde towne, and insurginge vppon such decayed tenementes in tymes of tempeste, doth freate and marueylously weare in dyuers places of the sayd towne, to the great hurte and damage as well of the sayd towne as of diuers persones hauinge groundes adioyninge to such places

ces so in decaye, and that the owners of suche decayed groundes will not reedifie and maintaine the sayd mesuages and tenements so decayed for the maintenaunce and defence of the water and rage of the sea, whereby ẏ said towne is like to fall in more decay ruine & desolacion, if remedy therefore be not prouided. In consideracion wherof it may please your highnes, that it may be enacted by your maiesty, by the assentes of the lordes spiritual and tempozal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by the auctozity of the same, that if ẏ owner oz owners of such messuages and tenementes so decayed, set lyinge oz beinge within the precincte of the sayd towne, within one yere next after proclamacion made by the cõmaũdement of the mayze of the said towne foz the time beinge, wythin & vpon suche decayed mesuages oz tenementes, doe not sufficiently reedifye, oz els wyth walles of mozter and stone sufficiently enclose the same mesuages & tenementes and grounds to them belonging, so being in decaye, foz defẽce of the rage of the water : ẏ then it shalbe lawfull to the chiefe Lozdes, of whom such mesuages oz tenements so decayed shalbe holden, to enter into the said mesuages and tenements so decayed, and the same hold haue and reteine to them and their heires foz euer: so that euery such lozd, which shal enter into any mesuages oz tenements so decayed, by auctozity of this act, do sufficiently reedify, oz els wyth walles of mozter & stone sufficiently inclose ẏ sayd mesuages & tenements so decayed in fourme as is abouesaide within one yere next after that such chiefe lozd may enter into the same by auctozity of this act. And if such chiefe lozd, which may enter by auctozity of this acte into the saide mesuages oz tenementes decayed, doe not reedify the said mesuages & tenements decayed, oz els with walles of mozter & stone sufficiẽtly inclose the same, in fourme as is afozesaid, within one yere nert after such chiefe lozd moughte enter into the same by auctozity of this act: that then it shalbe lawfull to the maire & cõminalty of the said towne foz euery such defaulte to enter into any suche mesuages oz tenementes so decayed, and the same to haue and reteine to theym & theyz successours foz euer, wythout interruptiõ to thẽ and their successours foz euer, clerely discharged of al rentes, as wel against the lozds of fees therof as of al other. So ẏ alwayes the same mayze and cõminalty, oz their successours do well and sufficiently reedify, oz els wyth walles of mozter and stone, as is afozesaid, sufficiently do inclose the same mesuages and tenements oz grounds appertaynynge to ẏ same, wherin they shall so enter by auctozity of this act within two yeres next after such entre by thẽ so to be made, as is afozesaid & in case the same maioz & cõminalty, oz their successours, do not sufficiẽtly reedify oz inclose, oz cause to bee reedifyed oz incloſed the same mesuages & tenements oz grounds to the same belonging, in fourme afozesaid, within the same terme of two yeres nerte after they shall so enter into the same: ẏ then it shalbe lawful to the said first owner & owners of al such mesuages tenemẽts & groũds, their heires oz successours, immediatly after the same two yeres so expired, to enter into the same mesuages tenemẽts & groũds

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and the same to reteine and enioy agayne to theym, theyr heires & successours, as in theyr former estate and interest. Any thing in this act conteyned to the contrary therof in any wise not wythstanding.

An acte wherby the kings highnes hath auctority to repel the statute made for restreint of wynes to come in afore candlemas. Cap. x.

WHere in the session of this presente parliament holden at Westminster in therb. day of January, in the xviii. yere of the kyngs most noble raigne, it was enacted by auctority of the same Parliamente, that no maner of person or personnes should discharge and laye on lande oute of any ship or shippes, or other vessel or vessels, any wynes of Gascoyne or Guion or any maner of French wynes, at any hauen porte creke or other place wythin this realme of Englande, Irelande, Wales, or the marches of the same, at any time from henceforth betweene the feastes of S. Michel tharchangel, and the Purification of our lady, vppon payne of forfayture of the same wynes so brought and discharged and layd on lande at any time hereafter betwene the sayde feastes contrary to the sayd acte: The one halfe of which forfayture to be to the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the other halfe thereof to suche of the kinges subiectes, as shall sease or sue for the same, by action of detinue or dette after the rate of the value thereof, by originall writte bill plainte or informacion in any of the kinges courtes: in which actions and suites the defendaunte shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, or anye protection or essoine shalbe allowed, as amonge other thinges in the sayd act specifyed euidently appeareth, for as much as such leages and amities as ben concluded and had betwene the kinges maiestye and other forreine kinges and princes, for the weale and tranquilitye of theyr realmes countryes & people, moughte percase bee impeched interrupted or derogated, contrary to the pactes and agreementes therein conteyned, as well by occasions of the said article contayned in the sayd act, as by occasion of sondry other like actes heretofore made, or hereafter to bee made, whereby the commoditye & marchandise of this realme and of other the kinges dominions been restrayned to bee conueyed into any outward partyes, forreine Realmes, or countryes of other princes beinge in leage and amity wyth the kinges highnes, or the commodityes and marchaundises of such outward parties, forreyne realmes and countreys be restrayned to be broughte and conueighed into this realme, or elswhere wythin the kinges dominions to be vttered sold and vsed as freely as of olde time hath bene accustomed. Be it therefore enacted by auctority of this presente parliamente, that the kinge oure soueraigne lorde shall during his life naturall, haue full power and auctoritye by his proclamacions, to be conteyned in letters patentes vnder his greate seale, and enrolled in his court of chauncerye, from time to time to repell and make voyde

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as well ỳ ſayd article conteyned & ſpecifyed in the ſayd act made for to reſtrayne the bringing in of wynes afore ỳ feaſt of the Purifycation of oure lady, as all other ſuche actes and ſtatutes in part or in whole, which hath ben made ſithe the beginning of this preſent parliament for the reſtreint or let of any commodities of this realme, or for other the kinges dominions to be conueyed & vttered to and in any outward parties, realmes, or cõtreis, or for reſtraint & let of any cõmodities or marchandiſe of outwarde parties, realmes or countries to be conueyed brought and vttered to or in this realme, or els where wythin the kynges dominions: And by like proclamacions from time to tyme, ſhal haue power & auctority to reuiue and make effectuall the ſayd ſtatutes and actes agayne in theyr force ſtrẽgth & effect in all or ſuch parte thereof, as to his maieſty ſhall be thoughte moſte conuenient and profitable for his realme. And that euery ſuch repeale abrogacion & making voyde of any ſuch ſtatutes or actes, in part or in ỳ whole: and euery ſuch reuiuing or makynge effectuall of them agayne in parte or in the whole by proclamacions vnder ỳ great ſeale to be made & enrolled in the kinges chauncery, as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe of the ſame quality, force, ſtrength condicion and effect to all intentes and purpoſes, as if it had ben done wyth due circumſtances by auctority of parlyamente, any thynge or thynges contayned in any ſuch acts, or any vſage or cuſtome of this realme to the contrary hereof notwythſtanding.

An act for puniſhment of Welſhmen attemptynge any aſſaultes or affrayes vpon any thinhabitauntes of Heref. Glouc. and Shropſhyre. Cap. xi.

FOr aſmuche as in times paſte dyuers and ſondrye the kinge our ſoueraigne lordes ſubiects, inhabited as wel in Wales, as the marches of the ſame, haue heretofore vſed at ſondry times, whẽ lawfull proces hath ben attempted againſte them, or againſt theyr kinſemen, or freendes, for ſondry robberyes, murders, or felonies by them committed or for any ſuites or proces of the law purſued or ſued againſt any perſonne or perſons inhabitynge or dwellinge wythin Wales, or the marches of the ſame, within the counties of Glouceſter, Salop, and Hereforde, haue layen in awayte, and ſodenly of preteniſed malice, haue not onely mette wyth the purſuers of the ſayde ſuites in ỳ ſayd coũtyes, and in places nere adioyning to the ſame, but alſo haue beaten, maymed, greuouſlye wounded, and ſometimes murdered dyuers of ỳ ſame purſuers, for the onely attempting & purſuing of ſuch felons, wherby hath inſued no little violacion and diſturbaunce of the kinges peace, to the greate diſquieting of all the ſayde partyes, and to the right perillous example of all others like offendours. Be it therefore ordayned eſtabliſhed and enacted by the kynges ſaid highnes, hys lordes ſpyrytual and temporal

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and the commons in this presēt parliament assembled, & by the auctoryte of the same, that if any maner person or persons inhabited or dwellinge in wales, or in the marches of the same, at any time hereafter vppon any pretensed malice, shall presume to assaute, beate, hurte, wounde or mayme any other the kinges subiectes of the sayd counties, that thē he or thei so attempting, what soeuer they be, being indicted and cōuicted therof, shall suffer imprisonment without redempcion for the space of one hole yere, in such prison or prisons as vnto the Justices, before whom he or they shalbe conuicted, shalbe thought conuenient, with such further peine & punishment, as he or they should haue had, if this act had neuer bene had or made. This acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

¶ An acte for purgacion of conuictes in wales. Cap. xij.

WHere at the parliament sommoned & holden at Lōden, the third daye of Nouember, in the .xxi. yere of the reign of our soueraign lorde king Henry the .viij & frō thence adiourned vnto Westmin. in the county of Middlesex, and after diuers prorogacions, there also holden the .xv. day of January, the .xxij. yere of the reigne of our soueraign lord king Henry the .viij. It was enacted amōg other, that no person nor persons, which from thensforth should happen to be found guilty after the lawes of the lande, for any maner of petye treason, or for any wilfull murder of malice pretensed, or for robbinge of any churches, chapelles, or other holy places, or for robbinge of anye person or persons in theyr dwellinge houses or dwelling place, the owner or dweller in the same house, his wife, his children, or seruaunts then being within, & put in feare and drede by the same, or for robbing of any person or persons, in or nere about the high waies or for wilful burning of any dwelling houses or barnes, wherin any graine of cornes should happē to be: nor any person or persons being foūd guilty of any abbettemēt, procurement, helping, maintening, or counsailing of or to any such petye treasons, murders, or felonies should frō thencefoorth be admitted to the benefit of his or their clergy, but vtterly be excluded thereof, and suffer death in such maner and fourme, as they should haue done for any the causes or offēces aboue sayd, if they were no clerks, such as be within holy orders, that is to say of the orders of subdeacon or aboue, onely excepte. And also it was then & there by auctoryte aforesayd, further enacted, that euery such person and persons within such orders of subdeacon or aboue, which at any time from thencefoorth shoulde be found guilty of any petye treason, or of any murder of malice prepensed, or of any of the felonies aboue reherse̅d, or of any accessary to petye treason, wilfull murder, or to any other the felonies aboue especified, and admitted to his or theyr clergie, and deliuered to the ordinary for the same, should not in any wise from thensforth be suffered to any purgaciō, nor be set at liber-

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tie, but remayne and abide in perpetual prison, vnder the keping of ỹ ordinary, to whō he should be cōmitted & his successours, wythout any maner of purgacion, duringe the naturall life of euery such conuicte: excepte onely such person and persons so being wythin such holy orders and conuicte of or for any of the offēces aforesayd, & deliuered to the ordinary for the same, do finde two sufficient sureties by recognisaunce before two of the kinges Justices of his peace wythin ỹ same shyre, where the petie treasō murder or felony, wherof he was conuicted, was committed & done, wherof one of thē to be of the Quorum, that such conuict shalbe of good abering against the king our souerayne lord, his lawes and subiectes, euery suche conuicte to be bounden in the summe of xl.li. and euery his sureties in xx.li and that no surete ie to be taken, onelesse such as may dispend in lands tenementes or hereditaments yerely aboue all charges of estate of inheritance of charter hold xxvi.s.viii.d. or els be worth xx.li. in moueable substaunce, at the time of the taking of such recognisaunce. And that two iustices of peace, wherof one to be of the quorum, by auctority aforesayd, haue power & auctority to take such recognisaunce. And that the sayde Justices, afore whom anye suche recognisaunce shalbe taken, shall certifye the same into the kinges bench wythin foure monethes nert after the taking therof, vpon paine to lose and forfayte C.s. for euery default therof. And for as much as there be no Justices of peace ne of Quorum wythin Wales, nor in diuers other places, cities, honours, lordshippes, and manours wythin the kings dominion, where as a lord marcher, Steward, Lieuetenaunt, deputy or other officer of any suche place, citty, honour, lordship, or manour haue auctority or power, by custome or otherwyse to arraine afore him or them any such person or persons beinge wythin such holy orders of subdeacon or aboue, for committing or doing any of the sayd petie treasons, murders, felonies, or any other of the sayd offēces. And if it happen the same person so being thereof arrained to be found gilty, for to admitte him to his clergy, if hee pray the same before iudgemēt, and further to do and execute againste any such offendour, beinge so arrayned before them, in like maner and fourme as Justices of the gaole deliuery wythin the shyre groūd haue vsed to do by vertue of the kings commission vnto them directed: By reason wherof euery such person or personnes, wythin such orders of subdeacon or aboue, being conuicte of any of the sayde pety treasons, murders, felonyes, or any other the sayd offences, before any lord marcher, steward, lieuetenaunt deputy, or other officer wythin Wales, or wīn any other place, citty, honour, lordshippe or manour wythin the kinges dominion, where no iustices of peace be, and thereuppon committed vnto thordinary as clearke conuicte, shall there remayne durynge the naturall life of anye suche conuicte: The sayd former act and statute not wythstanding. For that there be no Justices of the peace ne of the Quorum, there as the sayde petie treason murder or felony, wherof he is so conuicted, was committed and done, to take surety by recognisaunce for the good aberynge of euery such conuicte,

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in manour & forme as in the sayde former act is rehersed. Be it therfore enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commõs in thys present parliament assembled, & by auctority of the same, that euery such person and persons, within such orders of subdeacon or aboue, beynge conuicte of any pety treason, or of any murther of malice prepensed, or of any of the sayd felonies aboue rehersed, or of any accessary to pety treason, wilfull murder, or to any other the sayde felonies aboue especified before any lord marcher, Steward, Lieutenaunte, deputy, or other Justice or officer within wales, or within anye other place corporate towne, honour, lordeship or maner within the kinges dominion, wherein Justices of the peace and of ỳ Quorum be, and therupon the same conuicte admitted vnto his clergie, that the same person or persons so being within such holy orders, and conuicte before any such lorde marcher Steward, Lieutenaunt, deputy or other iustice or officer in wales or within any such place, city, towne, honour, lordship or manor within any the kings dominion, where bee no Justices of the peace and of the Quorum, of or for any of the offences aforesayde, and deliuered vnto the ordinary as clerke conuicte for the same, shal or may finde two sureties by recognisaunce for hys good aberinge before two of the kinges Justices of the peace, whereof the one to be of the Quorum, in the shyre where the same conuicte is or shall be kept in the ordinaries prison, if the same prison be within the shire ground, where Justices of the peace and of the quorum be, or els before two of the kynges Justices of the peace, whereof the one to be of the Quorum in ỳ next shire adioyninge vnto the same prison: And that the same two Justices of the peace, wherof the one to be of the Quorum, to haue power and auctority to take such recognisaunce, and to certifie the same in like maner and fourme and vpon like peine as it should or ought to haue bene done by vertue of ỳ sayd former act, if the same pety treason, murder, felony or other offence, of or for which any such conuicte was or shalbe so conuict and admitted vnto his clergy, as is aforesayd, had bene committed and done within the shire grounde, where Justices of the peace and of the Quorum be.

An acte wherby offences be made high treason, and takynge away all sainctuaries for all maner of high treasõs. Cap. xiij.

FOr as muche as it is moste necessarye bothe for common policye and dutye of subiectes aboue all thynges to prohibite, prouyde, restreyne and extincte all maner of shamefull sclaunders perylls or imminente daunger or daungers, which myght growe happen or ryse to their Soueraygne lorde the kynge, the Queene, or theyr heyres, whyche whan they be herde, sene or vnderstande, cannot be but odyble and also abhorred of all those sortes that be true and louing subiectes, if in anye poynete they maye do or shall touch the kynge, his Queene, theyr heires or successours, vpon which dependeth the hole vnity and vniuersall weale of thys

this realme, without prouiding wherfore to great a scope of vnreasonable liberty should be giuen to all cankard and trayterous hartes, willers and workers of the same. And also the kinges louinge subiectes should not declare vnto theyr soueraigne lord now beinge, which vnto them hath ben & is most entierly both beloued & estemed, theyr vndouted sicerity & trouth. Be it therfore enacted by the assent & consent of our soueraigne lord ẏ king and the lordes spiritual and temporall, and commons in this presente parliament assembled, & by the auctority of the same, that if any person or persons after ẏ fyrst day of February next comming, do maliciously wish wil or desyre by words or wryting, or by crafte imagin, inuente, practise, or attempte any bodily harme to be done or cōmitted to the kinges most roial person, the queene, or theyr heyres apparant, or to depriue thē or any of thē, of the dignity title or name of theyr royall estates, or slaunderously & maliciously publish & pronounce by expres wryting or wordes, that the kinge our soueraine lord should be hereticke, scismatike, tyraunt, infidele, or vsurper of the crown, or rebelliously do deteine kepe or withhold from our said soueraine lord, his heyres or successours, any of his or theyr castels, fortresses, fortilesses, or holdes within this realme, or in any other the kynges dominions, or marches, or rebelliously deteine kepe or wythholde from ẏ kinges sayde highnes, his heyres or successours any of his or theyr shippes, ordinaunces, artillery, or other municions or fortifications of warre, and do not humbly render and giue vp to our sayd soueraigne lorde, his heyres or successours, or to such persons as shalbe deputed by them, such castels, fortresses, fortilesses, holdes, shippes, ordinaunces, artillary, and other municions, and fortificatiōs of warre, rebelliously kept or deteyned, wythin vj. dayes next after they shalbe commaunded by our sayd souerayne lord, his heyres or successours by open proclamacion vnder ẏ great seale. That thē euery such person and persons so offending in any the premisses, after the sayd fyrst day of February, theyr aidours, counsaylours, consentours, and abbettours, being thereof lawfully conuict, according to the lawes & customes of this realme, shalbe adiudged traytours, and that euery such offence in any ẏ premisses, that shalbe committed or done after the said first day of February, shalbe reputed accepted and adiudged high treason: And the offendours therin, & their aidours consentours, counsaylours and abbettours being lawfully conuict of any such offence, as is aforesayd, shall haue and suffer such paynes of death, and other penalties, as is limitted & accustomed in cases of high treason.

And to thintent that all treasons should be the more dred hated & detested to be don by any person or persons and also because it is a great boldnes and an occasion to ill disposed persons to aduenture and imbrace their malicious intentes & enterpryses, which all true subiectes oughte to study to eschewe. Be it therfore enacted by thauctority aforesayd, that none offēdour in any kindes of highe treasons, what so euer they be, theyr aydours, consentours, counsellours, nor abbettours, shall bee admitted to haue the

benefite or priuilege of any maner of sanctuary, considering that matters of treasons toucheth so nighe both the surety of the kynge oure souereigne lords person, and his heyres and successours.

And ouer that be it enacted by auctority aforesaid, that if any of the kinges subiectes denisens or other, do committe or practise out of the limittes of this realme in any outwarde partyes, any suche offences, which by this act are made, or heretofore haue ben made treason, that then such treasons whatsoeuer they be, or whereseoeuer they shal happen so to be done or committed shalbe inquired, and presented by the othes of xii. good and lawfull men, vpon good & probable euidence & witnes in such shyre & cōnty of this realme, and before such persons, as it shall please the kinges highnes to appoint by cōmission vnder his greate seale, in like maner & fourme as treasōs committed wythin this realme, haue ben vsed to be inquyred of & presented, and that vpon euery inditement & presentment founden & made of any such treasons, and certifyed into the kings benche, like proces & other circumstance shalbe there had and made againste the offenders, as if the same treasons so presented had ben lawfully found to be don and cōmitted within the limittes of this realme. And that all proces of outlarye hereafter to bee made & had wythin this realme, agaynst any offendours in treason being resiante or inhabited out of the limittes of this realme, or in any of the parties of beyonde the sea, at the tyme of the outlarie pronounced against them, shalbe as good & as effectual in the law to al intentes & purposes, as if such offendours had ben residente and dwellinge wythin this realme, at the time of such proces awarded and outlary pronounced.

And be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that euery offender & offenders being hereafter lawfully conuicte of any maner of high treasons by presentment cōfession vtrdict or proces of outlarie, according to the due course & custome of the cōmon lawes of this realme, shall lose and forfaite to the kynges highnes, his heyres & successours, all such lands, tenements and hereditaments, which any such offender or offēders shal haue of any estate of inheritaunce in vse or possession, by any right title or meanes within this realme of Englande, or els where within any the kings dominis at the time of any such treason committed, or any time after. Sauing to euery person and personnes theyr heyres & successours, other then the offenders in any treasons, theyr heyres and successours, and suche person & persons, as claime to any theyr vses, all such rightes titles interestes possessions, leases, rentes offices and other profites, which they shall haue at the day of committing suche treasons, or at any time afore, in as large & ample maner, as if this act had neuer ben had nor made.

An act for nomination and consecration of suffragans wythin this realme. Cap. xiii.

ALbeit that sithen the beginning of this presente parlyamente, good and honourable ordinaunces and statutes haue ben made and esta-

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blished for elections, presentacions, consecrations, and inuestinge of archebishoppes and bishoppes of this realme, and in all other the kinges dominions, wyth al ceremonyes appertayning vnto the same, as by sondry statutes thereof made more at large is specifyed: yet neuertheles no prouision hitherto hath ben made for suffragans, which haue ben accustomed to bee had wythin this realme for the more speedy administration of ỳ sacramẽtes and other good holsome and deuout things, and laudable ceremonies to the encreasle of Gods honour, & for the commodity of good and deuout people. Be it therfore enacted by auctority of this present parliament, that the townes of Thetford, Ipswich, Colchester, Douer, Gylford, Southhampton, Taunton, Shaftesbury, Wolton, Marlebrough, Bedford, Leicester, Glocester, Shrewesbury, Bristowe, Penreth, Budgewater, Nottingham, Grauntham, Hulle, Huntingdon, Cambridge and the townes of Pereth and Barwike, sainct Germaynes in Cornewall, and the Isle of Wight, shalbe taken & accepted for sees of bishops suffragans to be made in this realme and in Wales, and ỳ bishoppes of such sees shalbe called suffragans of this realme. And that euery archbishoppe and bishoppe of this realme and of Wales, and, els where wythin the kings dominions, being disposed to haue any suffragane, shal and may at theyr libertyes name and elect, that is to say, euery of them for their peculier dioces, two honest and discrete spirituall persons, being learned and of good conuersation, & those two persons so by them to be named, shall presente to the kinges highnes by theyr wryting vnder theyr seales, makynge humble requeste to his maiesty, to giue to one such of the sayd two persons, as shal please his maiesty such title name style and dignity of bysshoppe of such of the sees aboue especifyed, as ỳ kynges highnes shal thinck most conuenient for the same. And that the kynges maiesty vppon euery such presentacion, shall haue full power & auctority to giue to one of those two personnes, so to his highnes to be presented, the style, title and name of a bishoppe of such of the sees aforesayd, as to his maiesty shalbe thought most conuenient and expedient, so it be wythin the same prouince, wherof the bishop that doth name him is. And that euery such person, to whom the kynges highnes shall giue anye such style and title, of any of the sees aforenamed, shalbe called bishop suffragane of the same see: whereunto he shalbe named. And after such title stile and name so giuen, as is aforesayde, the kinges maiesty shal presente euery such person by his letters patents vnder his great seale, to the archbishop of Canterbury, if the towne wherof he hath his title, be wythin the prouince of Canterbury, and and lyke wyse to the archbishop of Yorke, if ỳ towne wherof he hath hys title, be wythin ỳ prouince of Yorke, signifying and declaryng by the same letters patents, the name of the person presented, and the style and title of dignity of bishoprycke, whereunto he shalbe nominated: requyringe the same archbishop, to whom such letters patentes shalbe dyrected, to consecrate the sayd person so nominate & presented, to ỳ same name title stile and dignity of bishop: that he shalbe nominate & pre-

lented vnto, and to giue him all suche consecracions benedictions and ceremonies, as to the degree and office of a bishop suffragan shalbe requisite.

And be it also enacted by auctority aforesayde, that all & euery such person & persons, as shalbe nominated elected presented & consecrated, as is afore rehearsed, shalbe taken accepted and reputed, in all degrees and places, according to ỳ stile title name and dignity that hee shalbe so presented vnto, and haue such capacity power & auctority, honour, preeminence, and reputacion, in as large and ample maner in and concerning the execution of such commission, as by any of the sayde archbishops or bishops wythin theyr dioces shalbe giuen to the sayde suffragans, as to suffragans of this realme heretofore hath ben vsed and accustomed.

And be it further enacted by auctority aforesayde, that euery archbishop of this realme, to whom any the kinges letters patentes in the cases afore rehersed, shalbe directed, hauing no lawful impediment, shal perfourme and accomplish the effectes & contentes of this acte within the time of iii. monethes next after such letters patents shall come to their hands, any vsages customes, forrein lawes, priuiledges, prescriptions, or other thing or thinges heretofore vsed had or done to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that no such suffragãs, which shalbe made & consecrate by vertue and auctority of this acte, shal take or percepue any maner of profites of the places and sees, whereof they shalbe named, nor vse haue or execute anye iurisdiction or episcopall power or auctority wythin theyr said sees, nor wythin any dioces or place of this realme, or els where wtin ỳ kinges dominions, but onely such profites, iurisdiction, power & auctority as shalbe licẽced & limitted to them to take do & execute by any archbishop or bishop of this realme within their dioces, to whõ they shalbe suffragãs by their commission vnder their seales. And ỳ euery archbishop and bishop of this realme, for their owne peculiar dioces, may and shal giue such commission or commissions to euery such bishop suffragan, as shalbe so consecrate by auctority of this act, as hath ben accustomed for suffragãs heretofore to haue, or els such rõmissiõ as by them shalbe thought requisite reasonable & conuenient. And that no such suffragan shall vse any iurisdicõ ordinary, or episcopall power, otherwyse nor lõger time than shalbe limitted by such commission to him to be giuen as is aforesaid, vpon paine to incurre into the paines losses forfaytures and penalties mẽcioned in the statute of prouisions, made in the vi. yere of king Richard the second.

Prouided alwayes, that the bishop that shall nominate the suffragan to the kinges highnes, or the suffragan himselfe that shalbe nominate, shall prouide two bishops or suffragans to consecrate him with the archbishop, and shal beare theyr reasonable costes.

Prouided also that the residence of him that shalbe suffragan ouer the dioces, where he shal haue commission, shall serue him for his residence as sufficiẽtly, as if he were resident vpon any other his benefice, any act, heretofore made to the contrary not wythstanding.

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Beit further enacted, that all such suffraganes, as shal hereafter exercise thoffices aforesayde, by the cõmission of the bishop, for the better mayntenaunce of his dignity, may haue two benefices with cure, any former acte made to the contrary notwithstandyng.

In acte for takyng away certaine exactions taken wit hin the archedeaconry of Richemonde by spirituall men. Cap. xv.

For as much as diuers and many the kinge our soueraygne lordes subiectes, inhabited within the archedeaconrye of Richemonde, in the countye of Yorke, be and of longe time haue beene sore and greuously exacted and impouerished by the persons, vicars and others such as haue benefices and spirituall promocions within the same as by taking of euery person, when he dieth, in the name of a pension or of aporcion, sometime the ninth parte of all his goodes and cattals, and somtyme the thyrde parte to the open and manifest impouerishynge of moste parte of all the kynges poore subiectes, inhabited and decealynge within ỹ same. wherfore be it ordeyned, enacted and established by the kinge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cõmons in thys present parliament assẽbled, and by the auctority of the same, that from the feast of saint Marke the euangelist next cõming, no maner of spiritual person or others now hauinge, or that from the sayde feast shall haue any maner of benefice, or other spirituall promocion within the sayde archdeaconrye, shall in no wise, leue, demaundé or take, after the discease of any person or persons any such porcions or pensions, nor any other demaunde or duty, in the name or lue of the same, vpon peine to incurre such daungers, forfaytures and penalties, as be conteined in the statute of prouisours made in the. xvi. yere of the reigne of your moste noble progenitour kyng Edward the thirde: But that all & euery the kinges subiectes of the sayde archedeaconry, & their executours and administratours, from henceforth shalbe ordred, entreated & vsed for their goodes and cattels after theyr decease, in like maner fourme, order and cõdition as is conteined in the statute made in the. xxi. yere of your most noble and victorious reigne for probate of testamentes, and none otherwise, any vse, custome, bull, compolicion, prescription or ordinaunce heretofore had obteined or vsed to the contrarye, within the foresayd archdeaconry, in any wise notwithstandinge.

In acte for makynge of worstedes in the city of Norwhich, and in the townes of Linne and yarmouth. Cap. xvj.

Where at a parliament holden at London ỹ. xv. daye of Aprill, in the. xiiij. yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde the kynge ỹ nowe is, and from thence adiourned to Westminster, the laste daye of Julye, in the. xv. yeare of our sayde souerayne Lorde,

and there ended: It was ordeined enacted & established, that ẏ crafts [illegible] called worsted weuers, inhabited in ẏ towne of greate Yermouth, should haue power and auctority by ẏ act from thence forward, to elect and chose yerely for euer, on the munday next after ẏ feast of Pentecoste, one honest man of the mistery & occupacion of worstede weuers, beyng an house holder within the sayd towne of great Yarmouth, and hauinge of his proper goodes and cattels to the value of x.li. at the least, or lands and tenements to his owne vse of estate of freehold at the least, to the clere yerely value of xx.s to be warden of the same craft & mistery of worstede weauers for the yere next ensuing, which man so elected & chosen, should personally appere before the mayre of the citie of Norwich for the time beinge, the mondaye next after the feast of corpus Christi, then nexte ensuinge, then and there to bee sworne and charged by like othe, concerninge the true and substantiall makyng of Worstedes saies & stamins wythin the sayde towne of greate Yermouth, as the iiij. wardens of the sayd citty of Norwiche, by vertue of an acte of Parliament, made in the vii. yere of king Edwarde the fourth, were charged & sworne for the same city of Norwich. And if ẏ sayd maire happened to be absent the said munday next after corpus Christi, or els thē refused to receyue or take the sayd othe, than the sayd wardein so elect within 4. dayes nexte after the same munday, shoulde come before the bayliffes of the sayde towne of greate Yermouth, for the time beinge, or before one of theim, the other beinge absente, and then and there receiue a corporall othe for the true exercisyng of the same office of wardeinship, after the tenour of the othe accustomably vsed to be giuen to ẏ sayd wardeins of the sayd city of Norwich, & then the sayd warden of ẏ sayd towne of great Yermouth for the time beinge, so elected and sworne, mighte ordayne & appoint a seale wyth this letter, Y, to be grauen in the same seale, and might haue full power and auctority to viewe, searche, sease, and seale in leade wyth the same seale, so to bee appointed and grauen, and none other, all worsteedes, sayes and stamins wythin the sayd towne of Yermouth, & subburbs of ẏ same, made or to be made, & not els wher, in as large & ample maner as the sayd wardeins of ẏ sayde citye of Norwich, and the wardeins of the county of Norfolke or any of them, had within the said city or county, or in any wise may do in that behalfe by auctority or vertue of the afore remembred acte made in the sayd seuenth yere of king Edwarde the fourth, any thinge in the same contayned to the contrary therof notwythstanding. And that no person inhabited wythin the sayd town of great Yermouth, or subburbs thereof, shoulde weaue any worstedes, sayes, or stamins, wythin the same towne, except he be an Englishman borne, and had beene a prentise to the said occupacion, & wout he weaued therein such proper markes as should be limitted and appointed by the said wardein of the sayde towne for the time beinge, electe and sworne as is aforesayde, vppon payne of forfaytur thereof to the king oure soueraigne lorde. And that euery wardein of the sayd towne should limit distinct and seuerall markes to euery of the sayde

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worsted weauers of the same towne of greate Yermouthe, and the same markes by the sayde wardeine to be regestred in a booke.

And also it was further enacted, that yf and when soeuer the towne of Linne should be inhabited with.x. sondry householders or more nombre of householders, exercisynge and vsynge the sayd craft or mistery of worstede weauers, then and from thence forth, that is to saye, as longe as the same towne of Linne shoulde be inhabited with the nomber of.x. such householders at the least, it should be lawefull to ẏ same inhabitauntes of the sayde towne of Linne, yerely in the mundaye next after the feast of Pentecost, to electe and chose of them selfe one wardein of the sayde craft and mistery of worstede weauers, to be of the value in landes and goodes as is aforesayd of the wardeins of Yermouth, which wardeine so electe, shoulde yerely be sworne and charged at the sayd citie of Norwhich, in lyke maner & at lyke day, as is before limitted to the wardeines of Yarmouth or in default of ẏ sayd mayre of Norwich, then the sayd wardeine so to be electe for the sayde towne of Linne, to take a corporall oth before ẏ mayre of the sayd towne, within such tyme, and after such forme as is before limitted vnto ẏ sayde wardein of Yarmouth. And that the sayd wardeine of the sayd towne of Lynne for the time being so electe and sworne by him selfe, might ordeyne and appoynete a seale with this letter. L. to be grauen in ẏ seale, & myghte haue full power and auctorytye, to viewe, serch, seale, and seale, in lead with the same seale to be grauen, and with none other, all worstedes, sayes, and stamines, within the sayd towne of Linne and suburbes of ẏ same, made or to be made, and not els where, in as large and ample maner, as the sayd wardeine of the sayde city of Norwhiche, and wardein of ẏ sayd cõtye of Norffolke, or any of them, had within the sayd city or county, or otherwise might do by auctouty or vertue of the aforesayd acte, made in the sayd. vij. yere of kyng Edwarde the fourth, any thynge conteyned in ẏ same acte to the contrary notwithstandyng.

And that no person inhabited within the sayde towne of Linne or suburbes therof, should make any worstedes, saies or stamins within ẏ same towne, excepte he were English borne, and had bene apprentice to the same occupacion, & without he weaued therin such proper marke, as should bee limitted & appointed by the sayde wardens of ẏ same towne of Linne for the time beyng, vpon peine of forfaiture therof to ẏ kynge our soueraigne lorde. And that euery wardein of ẏ sayde towne, should limit, distincte and seuerall markes to euery of the sayde worstede weaners of ẏ same towne, and the same markes by the sayde wardeine to be regestred in a booke.

And it was further enacted, that from the feast of saincte Michaell tharchaungell then nert folowing, vnto such time as the saide towne of Linne should be inhabited with ẏ said momber of x householders of ẏ saide craft of worsted weauers and alwaies after when the nomber of.x. housholders should happen to faile and not be inhabited in the sayd towne of Linne, the sayde wardeins of the sayd city of Norwich and their successours, shoulde

procure & cause one of them selues or one of the wardeins of the sayd craft of the sayd county of Norffolke, personally to come & be euerye .xxviij. daye from and after the sayde feast of sainct Michaell tharchaungell in & to the sayde towne of Linne, or within .vi. daies nexte after euery such .xxviij. daye and there to continue and abide by so longe time, as he myghte serche and seale all suche worstedes, sayes and stamins, made in the same towne of Linne, as then shoulde be broughte to him to bee sealed within the space of one hole day. And the sayd inhabitauntes of worsted weauers of the same towne of Linne beyng, should contente and pay to the sayd wardeines of Norwiche or Norff. which should so come to Linne, in the sayd .xxviij. daye, for euerye time that he shoulde so come to Lynne, betweene the feastes of sainct Michaell the archangell, and the Annunciation of our lady saincte Mary .iij. s. and for euery time that he should so come to the sayde towne of Lynne, betwene the feast of the Annunciacion of our lady, and the feast of sayncte Michaell the Archangell. ij. s. And yf the sayde inhabitauntes of worstede weauers of the sayd towne of Linne did not content and pay to the sayd wardeine, commynge to Linne in fourme aforesayde, for his sayde costes and charges, the sayd .iij. s or .ij. s. as is aboue limitted, that the same inhabitauntes shoulde forfayte and paye to the sayde wardeyne, or to hys executours for euery such defaulte of paymente .xl. s. And if none of the sayd wardeins of Norwiche and Norff. come to the sayd towne of Linne, for þ cause aforesayde, in maner and fourme aboue remembred, that the sayde wardeines of the sayde city of Norwiche should forfayt and pay to þ sayd inhabitauntes of Linne of the sayd mistery of worstede weauers, for euery suche defaulte .xl. s. for recompence of the penaltye and forfaytes, the sayde wardeines of Norwiche or Norff. beynge therunto intitled by that acte by his proper name, with this addicion, that is to say, Vnius gardianorum, or Nuper vnius gardianorũ, artis sine misterie textorum panni lanei vocat. worsted in ciuitate Norwic. vel com. Norff. as the truth requireth, should & might haue actiõ of det by writ, byll or plainte in any competente or lawfull courte of thys realme agaynst þ inhabitauntes of Linne of the sayde mistery for the tyme beynge by their sondrie propre names, and the sayde inhabitauntes by theyr sayde names, with this addicion, Textorum pannei lanei vocat. worst. inhabitantes villa de Lynne, should and might haue like action of debt against þ sayde wardeines of Norwich, by the name of Gardiani artis siue misterie textorum pannorum laneorun vocat. worsted infra ciuitatem Norwici vel com. Norff to be vsed to goode congruities of latine, and fourme of the lawes of this realme, in which actions or anye of theym, none essoyne protection or wager of lawe shoulde be suffered or allowed. And that the particuler bodies or goodes of anye of the sayde wardens or inhabitauntes, beynge condempned in any of the sayde actions, should and might be put in execution, after such maner and fourme, as is vsed in action of debt by course of the common lawe of this realme.

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And more ouer it is enacted, that all clothes of worstedes, saies and stamyns, made within any of the sayd townes of Linne & great Yermouth or suburbes of the same, or any of them, and marked with such markes, as should be limitted to the markers, by the said wardeins of the sayd towne in maner and fourme as is aboue sayd, and viewed and sealed by any of ỹ sayde wardeins of the sayde townes of Linne and Yermouth, in fourme remembred, by force and vertue of the sayde acte might be lawfully put to sale by the owners and makers of the same, without any other markynge or sealinge vpon the same clothes, or vpon anye of them to be had or made, of or vpon any of the saide clothes, for lacke of any other seales or markes, any thinge conteined in the sayde .viij. yere of kinge Edwarde the fourth to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And ouer this it was enacted, that euery crafts man of the sayd mistery and occupacion of worstede makynge, dwellynge within any of the sayde towns of Linne and Yermouth, and suburbes of the same, at theyr owne free willes and liberties from thencefoorth for euer might haue and take apprentice or apprentices, beinge male of the age of .xviij. yeres and vpward, and beynge the kynges naturall subiectes, for terme of .vij. yeares and not vnder, so that none of them excede the nomber of two at once, to learne vse and exercise the sayd craft within either of the sayd two townes of Linne and great Yarmouth, and suburbes of the same: all be it the father of the sayd apprentice or apprentices might not expende in landes or tenements, to the yerely value of twenty shillinges: any acte or ordinaunce to the contrary made or to be made notwithstandynge.

Prouided alwaye that the same acte, or any thynge therein conteyned shoulde not in any wyse be hurtfull or preiudiciall to the mayre of Norwyche, or to hys successour, or to the wardeines of the sayde city or countye, or to theyr successours, in any poynct or article, power or auctority, other then for weauinge, searchinge, and sealynge of worstedes, saies and stampynes, made or to be made onely within the sayd townes of Linne & Yermouth, or suburbes of the same, or to any of them, and for limittinge of markes, to the markes of worstedes, sayes, and stamins onelye inhabited in eyther of the sayd townes or suburbes thereof, & takinge of the apprentices in forme aboue remembred: but that the sayde mayre of the sayd citie of Norwyche, and wardeins of the same city and county, and euery of them, might haue and vse all other poynctes, articles, powers, and auctorities conteined and specified in the aboue remembred acte, made in the sayde .vij. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourth, as well for the searche sealynge correction and reformacyon of the sayde wardeynes, newlye to be elected by the vertue of the same acte, and euerye of theym, accordynge and after such fourme as they mighte do or vse anye of the sayde wardeynes of the sayde citie or countie, by force of the sayde acte, made in the sayde .vij. yere of kynge Edwarde ỹ iiij. as all and euery other inquiries, corrections, serches, sealinges and reformacions to bee had for the true makinge of worstedes, sayes, and stamines,

myns, in and vpon any person or persons, as well wythin ỳ sayd townes of Lynne and Yermouth, as wythout, wythoute trouble let or veration of any of the inhabitaunts of the sayd towne, in as large and ample wise, as they might haue done before the making of the sayd act, any thing cõtayned in the same acte to the contrary notwythstanding.

And also it was further prouided and enacted, that ỳ sayde craftes mẽ of worsted weauers, inhabited, or after ỳ to bee inhabited wythin either of the sayde townes of Linne and Yermouthe or suburbes of the same; the marchauntes, or any other person or persons, which should happen to bye of the same craftes men, or any of theym, or any other person, any of ỳ sayd clothes of worsteds sayes or stamins, made or to be made wythin either of the saide townes of Linne and Yermouth, and sealed by the sayde wardens of the same townes, to be elect & sworne, as is aforesayd, & any of them should not there die or put in colour, or kalẽder any worsteds stamins or sayes, made, or after ỳ to be made wythin eyther of ỳ sayd townes of Linne & Yermouth, & subburbes of the same, in any other place or places, but onely within the said city of Norwiche, or subburbes of the same, vpon payne of forfayture of euery peece of Worsteds sayes or stamins, to be made within any of the said townes of Linne & Yermouth, or subburbes of the same, or the value therof, shorne, died, coloured, or kalendred by any of the sayde craftes men, byers, or marchauntes, in any other place or places than in the saide citie of Norwiche, or subburbes of the same. The one halfe therof to be to the king our soueraine lord, & the other half therof to such person or personnes, as should sease the same, so that the said worstedes brought to the said city of Norwich to be shorne died coloured and kalendred, without coune or crafte of any of the saide inhabitauntes and marchants, might be shorne died coloured & kalendred at & by as conuenient price or prices, & in as redy wyse, as the sayd inhabitauntes of either of the said townes of Linne and Yermouth, and marchantes byers of ỳ sayd worstedes, or other of the said citie & county, had had in tymes past, or after that should haue. And also that the same inhabitauntes and marchaunts and euery of them so bringing the saide worstedes to ỳ same city to be shorne died coloured and kalendred, were reasonably & lawfully intreated according to the said acte, made in ỳ said vii. yere of king Edward the 4. and the ordinaunce made and affirmed, or hereafter to be made and affirmed for the saide misterie, without let or disturbance, contrary to the same act or ordinaunce in that behalfe.

And it was further enacted, that no personne or persons, any time after that should conuey or transport into any of the parties of beyonde the sea, any maner of clothes of worsteds, before ỳ same clothes were shorne, died coloured and kalendred, vpon paine of forfaiture the value thereof: the one halfe to the king our soueraine lord, and the other halfe thereof to the partie that wil sue therfore, by action or plaint of det in any of the kings courtes in which actiõ or suite no protection or essoine should be allowed nor ỳ

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defendour admitted to wage his law, as by ỳ sayd acte therof made more plainly appereth: which act was made to endure vnto the next parliamẽt, wherby it is now expired. In consideracion wherof and for asmuch as the same act is a good & necessary act for the true making of worstedes, sayes, and stamins, and very commodious & profitable for the increase of ỳ sayde townes of Dermouth and Linne, be it therfore enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, that the same act, and euery article sentẽce and prouision therin conteined, shal from henceforth be continued and stande for euer in full strength and vertue.

¶ An acte that no fermours of spiritual persons shalbe cõpelled or charged to pay for theyr lessours fyrst fruicts or yeares pension for the tenth graunted to the kinges highnes. Cap. xviij.

For certaine reasonable and vrgent considerations, mouynge the kynges most high court of parliamẽt, it is ordeined and enacted by auctority of the same, that all and singuler fermours and lessees of any manours, lordeshippes, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamẽts, personages, vicarages, porcions of tithes, or other whatsoeuer profites or commodities, belonginge to any Archbyshoppe, Byshoppe, or other prelate or spirituall person or persons, or spirituall body corporate or politique, wherof any fyrst fruictes or yerely pension of the tenth parte is graunted to the kynge our soueraygne lorde in this presente session of the sayde court of parliament, shall be discharged and not chargeable to pay to our sayd soueraygne lorde of his or their proper money cost or charge, for or in discharge of the lessour or lessours, owner or owners of the same, by reason of any couenaunt, bargayne, bonde, condicion, clause of reentre or other thynge heretofore made or concluded, but that euery of the sayde lessours and owners, and their successours, shall be charged and chargeable to pay and satisfie the same of his or their proper cost & charge, to the kyng our soueraygne lorde, his heires and successours accordinge to the graunt therof: any couenaunt, bargayne, contracte, bonde, condicion, clause of reentre or other thinge heretofore made or concluded to the contrarye thereof in any wise not withstandinge.

¶ An acte concerning the kinges generall and free pardon graunted by his highnes. Cap. xviij.

The kinges most royall maiesty prudẽtly consideringe, that all be it his highnes of his most excellent pity, benignity & mercy, manifold times heretofore mercifully & liberally hath graũted hys most gracious, free & generall pardon, to all & singuler hys subiectes

iectes, by the whiche his maiesty hath remitted and released innumerable and inestimable substaunce and profites, which he mought haue lawfully taken & had by the lawes and customs of this his realme, trustinge by hys often remission, pardon and mercy, ministred to his subiectes, to allure offenders from vice to vertue, & that they would put theyr diligent deuoires to amend and reforme their abuses: yet neuertheles his louinge and obedient subiects, sithens his last most gracious and liberall pardons to them graunted, haue incurred into innumerable penalties, losses, forfaitures & damages, wherof fewe or none of them are able to make full recõpence or condigne satisfaction to his highnes, if his maiesty should proceed agaynst them by due course of his lawes, trustyng that nowe from henceforth they wyl eftsones amend and beware the incurrynge of the foresayd daungers and perilles, seinge they haue had so many admonicions and gentill warnynges: And perceiuinge also the great zeale and affection, whiche his louinge subiectes beare vnto him and his dignity royall, as by many wayes in this present parliament they haue declared and shewed. In consideracon wherof, and trusting as afore, the kings highnes to shewe vnto his louinge subiectes, that he both can and will consider, when he is both kindely and louingly handled of them, vpon his meere mocion, and to declare also his tender loue and affection, whiche he beareth vnto his nobilitye and subiectes, accordynge to his accustomable goodnes, is contented and pleased at this time to extende his pitye, mercy and benignity to all and singuler his subiectes of this his realme of England, Wales, the Iles of Jarnesey and Garnesey, Barwyke, and Caleis, and the marches of the same by waye of his free pardon & remission, as hereafter foloweth, rather conueytinge thir amendements by gentyll, and mercifull meanes, then to be enriched by theyr euill dedes and offences. And for that his sayd free pardone and remission to be had taken and enioyed to and by them & euery of them by vertue of this presente acte, his grace is fully and resolutelye contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctority of this presente parlyamente, in manner and fourme folowynge, that is to saye: that all and euerye of his sayde subiectes, as well spirituall as temporall of thys hys realme of Englande, wales, the sayd Iles of Jerneseye, and Garneseye, Berwike, & Caleis, and the marches of the same, the heires successours, executours and administratours of them and euery of them, and all and singuler bodies in any maner of wise corporate, cities, boroughes, shyres, ridyngs, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapentakes, townes, villages, and tithinges, and of euerye of them, and the successour and successours of euery of them, shalbe by auctoritie of this present parliamẽt, acquited, pardoned, released, and discharged agaynst the kynges hyghnes, his heyres and successoures and executours and euery of them, of all maner of felonies, offẽces, contemptes, trespasses, wronges, decepptes, mysdeme anours, forfaytures, penalties and profites, summes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and generally of all other thinges, causes, quarels, suites, iudgementes, and execucios

cutions in this presēt act hereafter not excepted nor forpriſed, which may be or can be by his highnes in any wyſe or by any meane pardoned, before and vnto the third day of the moneth of Nouember, in the xxvi. yere of his moſt noble raigne, to euery or any of his ſayd ſubiectes, bodyes corporate, cities, boroughes, Shires, Rydinges, hundredes, lathes, rapes, wapētakes, Townes, villages, and tithinges, or to any of them.

And alſo ỹ kinges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctority of this preſent parliamēt, that his ſayd free pardō ſhalbe as good and effectual in the law to euery of his ſayd ſubiects, bodyes corporate, and others before reherſed, & to euery of them by the ſayd general wordes before reherſed, in and againſt al thinges, which be not hereafter in this preſent acte excepted, as the ſame pardon ſhould haue ben, if all offences, contemptes, forfaytures, cauſes, matters, ſuites, quarels, iudgementes, execucions, penalties, and al other thinges not hereafter excepted had ben particularly, ſingularly, ſpecially, and plainly named reherſed and ſpecifyed, and alſo pardoned by proper and expres wordes & names in theyr kinds natures & qualities, by wordes and termes thereunto requiſite, to haue ben put & expreſſed in this preſent act of free pardon: And that his ſayde ſubiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres executours or adminiſtratours of any of them, nor any of ỹ ſayde bodyes corporate and others before named, or any of them, be nor ſhalbe ſued vered or inquieted, in theyr bodyes goods landes or cattels for any maner matter, cauſe, contempt, miſdemenour, forfayture, treſpas, offence, or any other thing ſuffered done or committed before the ſaid third day of Nouember, againſt his highnes, his crowne, dignity, prerogatiue, law or ſtatutes: but onely for ſuch matters, cauſes, & offences, as be plainly reherſed in the exceptions in this preſent acte hereafter mencioned, & for none other: any ſtatute or ſtatutes, lawes, cuſtomes, vſe or preſident, heretofore had made or vſed to the contrary in any wyſe not withſtanding.

Alſo the kinges highnes of his bounteous liberality, by auctority of this preſent parliament graunteth and freely giueth to euery of his ſayd ſubiectes, and to euery of the ſayde bodyes corporate, and others before reherſed, and to euery of them, all ſuch goods, cattelles, dettes, fines, iſſues, profites, amerciamentes, forfaytures, and ſummes of money, by any of them forfayted, which to his highnes do or ſhoulde belong or appertayne by reaſon of any offence contempt treſpace miſdemeanour matter cauſe or quarel, ſuffered done or committed by them or any of them, before the ſaid thirde daye of Nouember, which be not hereafter plainly forpriſed and excepted in this preſente acte. And that all and euery the kinges ſayd ſubiectes, and all and ſingular bodyes corporate, and others before reherſed, may by him or thē ſelfe or his or theyr deputy or deputies or by his or their atturney or atturneis, accordinge to the lawes of this realme, plead and miniſter this preſent act of free pardon for his or their diſcharge of and for euery thinge, that is by vertue of this preſente acte pardoned, diſcharged, giuen, or graunted, without any fee or other thinge in any wyſe payinge

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to any person or persons for wryting or entree of any suche pleading of the sayd pardon, or for entree of the iudgement, or other cause concerning such plee, wryting, or entree, but onely xii.d. to be payd to the officer or clerke shall entree the plee matter or iudgemente for the partyes discharge in that behalfe, any statute or vse to the contrary notwythstandyng.

And furthermore the kings highnes is contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctority of this present parliament that his sayd free pardō by the generall words before rehersed, shalbe reputed deemed and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner courtes of his lawes, and els where aswell in the words & clauses of the exceptions & forpryses specifyed in this present acte, as in all and singular other clauses words and sentences, mentioned and rehersed in the sayd free pardon, most beneficially and auaylably to all and singular his sayd subiectes, bodyes corporate, and others before rehersed, and to euery of them, and most strongly in barre and discharg agaynst his highnes, his heyres, successours, and executours in euery thinge, wythout any obstacle, ambiguite, chalenge, or other delay whatsoeuer it shall be, to be made, pleaded, obiected, or alledged by the king our souerayne lorde, his heyres, successours, or executours, or by his or any of theyr generall acturney or atturneis, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heyres, successours, or executours.

And furthermore it is enacted by the king our souerayne lord, & by auctority of this present parliamente, that if any officer or clerke of any of his high courtes, commonly called the kinges benche, Chauncery and commō place, or of his escheker, or anye other officer or clearke of anye other of his courts wythin this realme, at any time after the feast of Epiphanie of our lord God next cōminge, make out or write out any maner writs or other proces, or any extreates summons or other preceptes, whereby any of the sayd subiects, or any of the sayd bodyes corporate, or other before rehersed, or any of them, shalbe in any wyse arrested, attached, distreyned, sūmoned, or otherwyse vexed inquieted or greeued, in his or their bodyes, lāds, tenementes, goodes or cattelles, or in any of them, for or because of any maner of thing pardoned or discharged by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he so offending, and thereof lawfully condemned, shal yelde and pay for recompence therof the party so greeued or offended, treble damages (accompted as parcell of these damages all costes of the suite.) And neuertheles all and singular such writs, proces, extreates, and preceptes so to bee made for or vpon any maner thing pardoned or discharged by this present acte of free pardon, shalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte.

Excepted alway, and forpryses out of the sayde free pardon all manner of highe treasons, and misprisions of high treasons, and all suites punishmentes forfaytures and penaltyes for or by reason or occasion of any of them, all prepensed and voluntary murders, all robberyes of Churches, & robberies done vppon mens persons, all other felonies & robberyes by the common law, of felonious taking of any money, goods or cattelles about

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the ſumme or value of xx.s. all felonous burning of houſes, all rauiſhmentes of women, and al & ſingular acceſſaryes to any of the ſayd murders, or murderers, felonies, robberies, brennings, or rauiſhmentes, felons, robbers, brenners, and rauiſhers, all outlaryes of highe treaſons, and of myſpriſions of high treaſons, and all maner of felonies, other than felonyes of the ſumme or value of twenty ſhillinges, or vnder the ſame ſumme: and ỳ all other outlaryes had or promulged vppon or againſt any perſon or perſons for any cauſe, not being treaſon, miſpriſion of high treaſons, murder, or felony aboue the ſayd ſumme of twenty ſhillings, be and ſhalbe pardoned by the generall wordes of this preſent act of free pardon before writē: ſo alwayes that the ſame perſons & euery of them, ſtand to right to aunſwere or ſatiſfye the party, at whoſe ſuite he is outlawed, according to the lawes of this realme.

Alſo excepted & forpriſed out of the ſayd free pardon, all and ſinguler cōuictions & atteindours of any perſon & perſons, now being or remaynyng in any conuicte priſon, or in the cuſtody of any biſhop, abbot, or other ſpyritual perſon or ordinary, & euery of ỳ ſame perſons ſo atteinted or cōuicted. And alſo al multipliers & nigromancers, multiplicatiōs, and nigramācies, and al ſuites impeticions proceſſes and punyſhments for or vpon the ſame or any of them: And al titles, and actions of Quare impedit, and al rauiſhmentes of the kinges wardes, al waſtes of the kinges woods, and his foreſtes parkes or chaſes, all concelements of cuſtomes and ſubſidies.

And alſo excepted and forpryſed out of this pardon al incloſures and decayes of houſes of huſbādry, made, done, committed, or permitted contrary to the forme or effect of any ſtatute or ſtatutes heretofore made, and alſo al iſſues, profites amerciamentes, fines and other penalties, which hereafter ſhall grow or be forfayted for any ſuch incloſures or decayes, and all intruſions had made or done into any manours, lands, tenemēts, or other hereditaments, ſithen the feaſt of ſaint Michael the Archangel, which was in the xxb. yere of the kinges moſt noble reigne: And all and ſinguler dettes, other then dettes growen vpon recogniſances, being of the ſumme of fifty pounds or vnder, and not aboue that ſumme, and being all redy forfaited, for ſurety of the peace, or for apparance at any day or place.

And excepted and forpriſed out of this pardon al accomptes, and all actions, ſuites and impetitions for the ſame accomptes, and arrerages of accompts, and for the ſaid dettes or any of them hereby excepted or forpriſed: all homages and relieſes not done or not payd: all wilful eſcapes as wel of conuictes as other priſoners: and all dettes, which were due to the moſt noble kinge of famous memory kinge Henry the vii. or to any perſonne or perſons, to his vſe, by anye condempnacion, recogniſaunce, obligacion, or otherwyſe: all and ſingular thoſe forfaytures being due to oure ſouerayne lorde kinge Henry the viii. by any penall ſtatute or ſtatutes, which be conuerted into the nature of dette by iudgement, or by agreement of the offēdours, before the ſayd third day of Nouember: and all forfaytures & other

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penaltyes and profittes growen or due by reason of any offence or act, cõmitted or done cõtrary to any statute or statutes, or cõtrary to the cõmon law, wherof any seisure is made, or any informacion is giuen in the kings escheker, or any suite there commenced, before the sayd third daye of Nouẽber, or wherof the kinges hyghnes by his bill signed or otherwise, heretofore hath made any gift or assignement to any of hys seruauntes.

And also excepted al issues forfayted, fines, amerciamẽts, affered, tared, set, extreated, or iudged seuerally, or particularly, extendinge to the summe of a C.s. or aboue the summe, and that al and singuler other fines, as well fines Pro licencia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamẽtes, as well reall as other, which seuerally or particularly extend not to ỹ sayd summe of a hundred shillinges, whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the sheriffe or not taken to his charge, extreated or not extreated: whether they be tourned into or not into det, and not being leuied nor receyued by any sheriffe or sheriffes, bailyffe, ministers, or other officers, shalbe fully clearly and plainly pardoned and discharged against ỹ kyng our soueraigne lorde, his heyres and successours for euer by this present act of free pardon.

And it is further enacted by auctority aforesaid, that in this case it be obiected to or against any sheriffe or sheriffes, or other accõptants in the kinges court of Escheker, or in any other his courts, that any sheriffe or sheriffes, or other officers accomptante, hath receiued or taken any such fines, issues, or amerciamentes, by this presente act pardoned and acquited, that then euery suche sheriffe and sheriffes and other accomptantes, shalbe discharged released pardoned and acquited thereof by his or their othe, without any further triall in that behalfe.

Prouided alway, that this present act of free pardon nor any thing therin conteined, in any wise extend to discharge remit or acquite any person or persons, for any such issues, fines, & amerciamentes of one hundred shillinges or vnder, as any e sheriffe heretofore hath accompted before the barons of the kinges Escheker or els where, and payde the same issues fines and amerciamentes vppon his or theyr saide accompte, determined to the kinges vse, and haue his or their Quietus est, for the same.

God saue the King.